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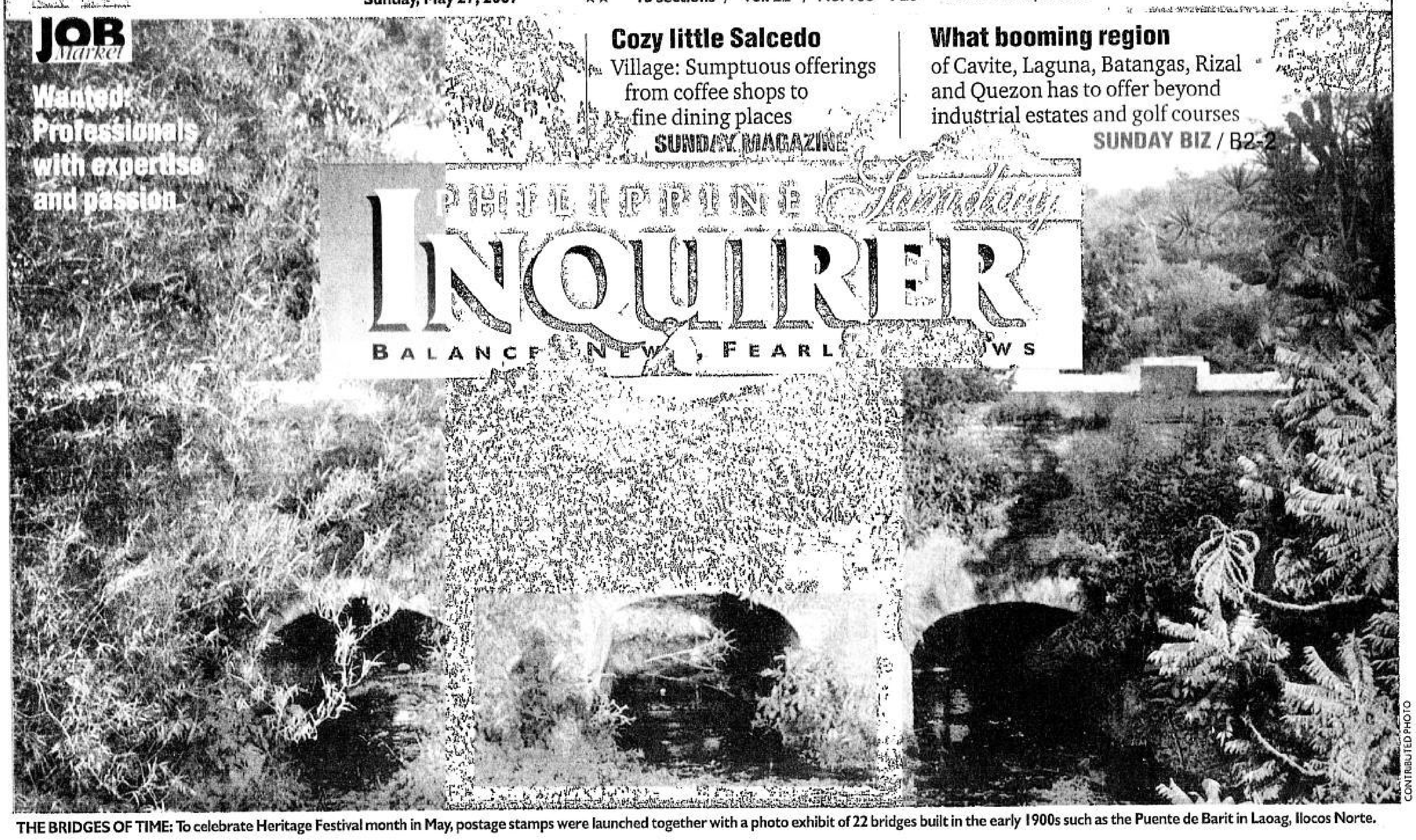

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THE BRIDGES OF TIME: To celebrate Heritage Festival month in May, postage stamps were launched together with a photo exhibit of 22 bridges built in the early 1900s such as the Puente de Barit in Laoag, Ilocos Norte.

Lanao: Not perfect, but ...

Most trusted commissioner up against rotten system

By Nikko Dizon

ELECTION COMMISSIONER RENE Sarmiento, the chief supervisor of yesterday's special elections in 13 towns in Lanao del Sur, enjoys the trust and support of civil society, election watchdog groups, and even the opposition.

They say Sarmiento's presence in the province, where the 13 towns will account for some 100,000 votes deemed crucial in determining the last slots in the senatorial Top 12, could imbue the conduct and results of the special elections some credibility.

But in the same breath, they point out that he is up against a system that will challenge even good men with the best intentions.

For the special polls, Sarmiento not only organized a new team of election officers from provinces outside Lanao del Sur, including a province as far as Aurora, but also brought with him officers from the Commission on Elections' main office in Manila.

Escorted by soldiers, the team went

MOST TRUSTED/ A10

'Soldiers, watchdogs, Comelec action team heroes'

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr. and Inquirer Mindanao

MARAWI CITY—THE CONDUCT OF THE SPECIAL ELECTIONS in 10 of 13 towns in Lanao del Sur was not perfect but was "generally peaceful," Election Commissioner Rene Sarmiento said last night.

He said what had made the difference was the heavy military deployment, the cooperation of poll watchdog groups who sent their top leaders to the province, and the "importation" of special action officers.

He said these imported officers were among the "heroes" of the special polls.

But a failure of elections was again declared in the entire town of Butig, five barangays in Pualas, and one barangay in Lumba-Bayabao, affecting close to 12,000 voters.

But Sarmiento said problems had been ironed out and elections in these areas would be conducted this morning.

"We did not perfect it. But we did our best," he said, adding that he was giving Task Force Lanao a grade of "7.5 out of 10."

Not even the 580 Namfrel volunteers could make the special elections truly peaceful.

"We can make an election honest and credible, but to make it peaceful is difficult," Namfrel chair in Lanao del Sur Hadji Abdullah Daligdig said as the polling precincts were about to close.

Namfrel national chair Edward Go agreed with Dalidig's view.

"All the volunteers tried to keep the elections credible, but still there were commotions, firing... Still, I am most pleased," Go said.

At least one Namfrel volunteer guarded the conduct of the special elections in 580 precincts.

Go said there were also observers from Manila and Cagayan de Oro who

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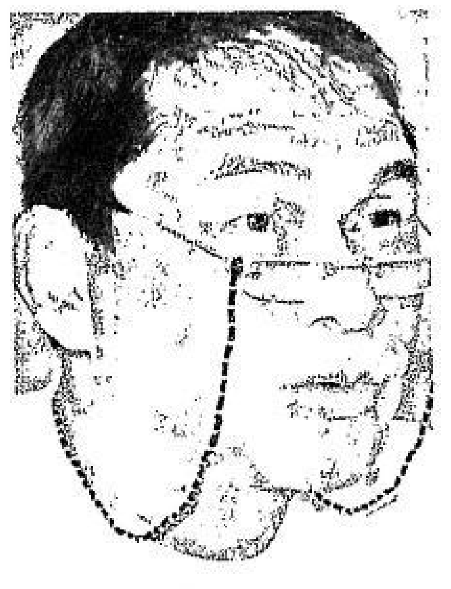

"NOT CONTAGIOUS," Fr. Ed Panlilio says of his skin disease that first appeared in 2003. TONETTE T. OREJAS/INQUIRER CENTRAL LUZON

Laughter the best medicine for 'Michael Jackson Disease'

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—PROclaimed Pampanga Governor Fr. Eddie Panlilio said the white spots on his face, hands and feet should not be a cause for worry.

Vitiligo, or the partial loss of pigment, was how his doctors called his skin disorder. It's also called the "Michael Jackson Disease." *(See Page A21.)*

"It is not contagious, so our constituents need not fear coming near me or shaking my hands," said the 56-year-old Catholic priest on Thursday.

Vitiligo is not a life-threatening ailment, according to Panlilio, and is not serious enough to stop him from doing his duties as a public official until June 2010. He is the first priest to be elected governor in Pampanga in 96 years, capitol records showed.

"It has not affected my body's vital organs," he said.

The white spots first appeared on his forehead in 2003 when he was in his fourth year of assignment at the St. James Parish in Betis, Guagua.

"The doctors said it could be hereditary or caused by a virus from the environment or due to tension," Panlilio said.

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5	PANGILINAN, Francis	12,350,759
6	AQUINO, Benigno	12,034,025
7	ANGARA, Edgardo	10,501,724
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10	HONASAN, Gregorio	9,511,124
11	TRILLANES, Antonio	9,156,933
12	ZUBIRI, Miguel	9,037,123
13	RECTO, Ralph	8,987,491
14	PIMENTEL, Aquilino	8,956,390
15	DEFENSOR, Michael	8,351,543
16	PICHAY, Prospero	8,167,829
17	ROCO, Sonia	7,064,700
18	MONTANO, Cesar	6,476,015
19	SOTTO, Vicente	6,304,999
20	OSMENA, John	6,004,463

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This woman goes where men fear to tread

By Jocelyn R. Uy

THIS GUTSY WOMAN HAS GONE TO places where men fear to tread.

Tomorrow, the feisty, 59-year-old Josllyn de Mesa, senior lawyer at the Commission on Elections, is bound for another "adventure trip" that has sent her male colleagues fleeing for their lives.

De Mesa will be sitting as the new chair of the Provincial Board of Canvassers (PBOC) in violence-ridden Shariff Kabunsuan, the country's 80th province and the sixth in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

The 198,277 votes cast in the province last May 14 could be crucial in the hotly contested race for the last few slots in the senatorial elections.

But an enduring deadly feud between two political clans in the ARMM district had kept its election supervisor, who was afraid for his life, from gathering the tallies.

The assignment was offered to a male lawyer from the Comelec's main

THIS WOMAN/ A21

How to get HS diploma Pacman way

By Elvira Mata

THIS MONTH AND ALL THROUGHOUT June, adults as well as out-of-school youth over the age of 16 will be doing a Manny Pacquiao: They will enroll in the Department of Education's Alternative Learning System (ALS) so that they can get a high school diploma.

Now for the digital twist.

The ALS program, which uses nonformal and practical approaches of teaching various subjects to out-of-school youth, will be conducted using computers in four pilot centers.

Called the "eSkwela Project," it is a word play on the Filipino equivalent of "school."

As the flagship project of the Commission on Information and Communications Technology (CICT), "it is envisioned to reduce the digital divide by providing ICT-enhanced educational opportunities for Filipino out-of-school youth and adults," explains eSkwela project head Maria Melizza Tan.

Thanks to a $200,000 grant from the Apec Education Foundation in Korea, four pilot sites have been established: Quezon City, San Jose del Monte, Cebu City and Cagayan de Oro City.

Avelino Mejia of the eSkwela staff says each center is equipped with 20 computers with pre-installed freeware and applications, a server, a printer, a digital

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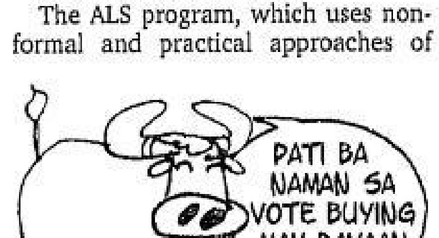
PATI BA NAMAN SA VOTE BUYING MAY DAYAAN DIN?

Money, fake and real, talk of (some) towns in Bohol

By Kit Bagaipo
Inquirer Visayas

TAGBILARAN CITY—MONEY IS THE TALK OF the town in some towns in Bohol, after at least P19,000 in fake bills was found deposited in four banks—and five municipalities that voted 12-0 for Team Unity were each promised a P2-million reward.

The five towns will receive funding for projects, Bohol Gov. Erico Aumentado told 47 town mayors yesterday, during an assembly of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP), Bohol chapter.

He also said five other towns that voted 11-1 for TU will each receive P100,000 worth of projects.

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Zubiri dislodges
Koko Pimentel from No. 12 spot as Comelec tallies Cebu votes on Saturday

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'Foster Child' gets 10-minute standing ovation at Directors Fortnight in Cannes

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Mark Jimenez's
wife Carol sprung by NBI, calls her rescuers heroes

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Tagaytay	Cloudy with Rains	**Zamboanga**	Partly Cloudy
Legazpi	Cloudy with Rains	**Cagayan de Oro**	Partly Cloudy
Calapan	Cloudy with Rains	**Davao**	Partly Cloudy

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Carol called rescuers 'heroes'

THIS IS the Silvercrest Foundation in BF Homes, Las Piñas, where Carol Castañeda was rescued by NBI agents. Her husband, former Rep. Mark Jimenez, called it a kidnapping.

RAFFY LERMA

By Tina G. Santos

IN THE EYES OF CAROL CASTAÑEDA-Jimenez, the estranged wife of former Manila congressman Mark Jimenez, the agents of the National Bureau of Investigation who "rescued" her Friday night from a drug rehabilitation center in Las Piñas City are "heroes."

"She (Carol) was calling us her heroes when she saw us," said Arnel Dalumpines, chief of the NBI Special Task Force that conducted the "rescue operation."

He said Carol burst into tears when he told her that he is an agent of the NBI and that they were there to rescue her.

Dalumpines said Carol appeared to be in a good condition "although she looked really haggard."

"But we refrained from asking her questions because although she looked okay, it was evident that she's still traumatized, *parang natataranta pa siya* (she appears to be rattled)," he added.

Court order

Armed with a court order issued by Pasig Regional Trial Court Branch 69 Judge Lorifel Pahimna, directing them and the Philippine National Police to rescue Carol, NBI agents swooped down on Silvercrest Foundation shortly before 10 p.m. on Friday.

Dalumpines claimed that security guards and Diana Crespo, one of the owners of the drug rehabilitation center and a niece of Jimenez, tried to prevent them from entering the facility.

"They wouldn't let us in because they claimed that the other patients might be disturbed," he said, adding that they were forced to use a bolt cutter to destroy the padlocks of the gates and the main door of Silvercrest.

NBI agents arrested a security guard who tried to block the operation but was released the following day.

Dalumpines said Crespo even tried to contact Jimenez and his lawyers during the raid.

Room-to-room search

"She wants us to talk to MJ first, but I told her to just settle the issue in court, not during our operation. We're just there to implement the court order," he said.

Before they found Carol, Dalumpines said they had to conduct a room-to-room search because nobody from Silvercrest would tell them the exact room where Carol was.

While most patients of Silvercrest stay at the rooms on the second floor, one NBI agent claimed he found Carol inside a room near the administrator's office and kitchen on the ground floor.

"The room appeared to be well-kept, it was air-conditioned and has its own toilet. But from the outside, you would think that it's vacant or a stockroom because a table was blocking the door," the NBI agent said. "I found her lying in bed, as if already preparing to sleep."

Apart from the NBI, Lorna Kapunan, Carol's lawyer, was also present at the time she was rescued.

Safehouse for Carol

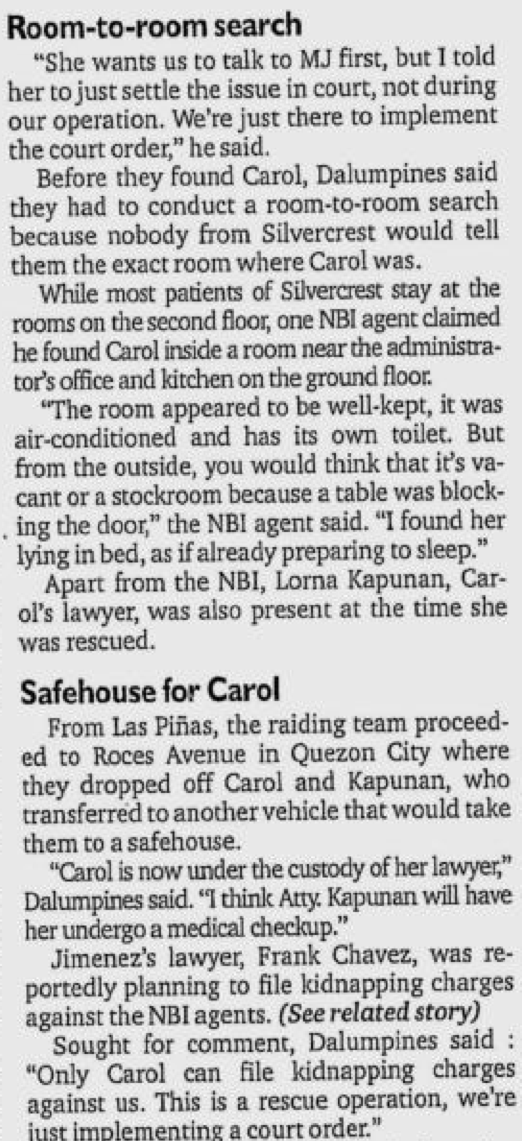
From Las Piñas, the raiding team proceeded to Roces Avenue in Quezon City where they dropped off Carol and Kapunan, who transferred to another vehicle that would take them to a safehouse.

"Carol is now under the custody of her lawyer," Dalumpines said. "I think Atty. Kapunan will have her undergo a medical checkup."

Jimenez's lawyer, Frank Chavez, was reportedly planning to file kidnapping charges against the NBI agents. *(See related story)*

Sought for comment, Dalumpines said : "Only Carol can file kidnapping charges against us. This is a rescue operation, we're just implementing a court order."

Dalumpines said he immediately formed a team to launch the rescue operation after Carol's lawyer received an information that there was a plan to take and hide her client in another place.



JIMENEZ

It's MJ's turn to cry 'kidnap'

By Julie M. Aurelio

NOW IT'S THE CAMP OF MARK Jimenez who is crying "kidnap."

A lawyer of the ex-Manila solon yesterday said they plan to file kidnapping charges against agents of the National Bureau of Investigation who "rescued" Jimenez's estranged wife late Friday night from a drug rehab facility in Las Piñas City.

"It's under study. We are still studying whether to file charges of serious illegal detention against the NBI," Jimenez's lawyer Frank Chavez said in a phone interview.

Chavez said the NBI raid on Friday "was a brazen violation of the rule of law."

To be included in the complaint are Lorna Kapunan, lawyer of Jimenez's wife, Rose Flaminiano, Jimenez's son Virgilio Crespo, and Department of Justice secretary Raul Gonzalez.

At around 9:30 p.m. on Friday night, agents of the NBI's Special Task Force raided the Silvercrest Foundation, a drug rehabilitation facility in Las Piñas City, to retrieve Carol Castañeda who was forcibly taken there by unidentified men from a condominium in Makati City.

Castañeda, Jimenez's estranged second wife, has been confined in the facility since May 16.

'Illegal rescue'

The NBI, assisted by the Las Piñas City police, conducted the operation after a Pasig City family court issued the rescue order. The Las Piñas City police provided area and peripheral security.

Chavez said it was illegal to implement the said rescue order after office hours "and in the dead of the night, when no one is looking."

He said the NBI should not have carried out the operation, as the rescue order issued by the Pasig City RTC has yet to be resolved.

"We have a pending motion to lift the order. We already filed our pleading and the court has yet to resolve that," he added.

The former Solicitor General also questioned the territorial jurisdiction of the Pasig court since Silvercrest is located in Las Piñas City and not in Pasig City.

"Assuming that the Pasig court has resolved the issue of lifting the rescue order, the raid is still unlawful and illegal because it is outside the territorial jurisdiction of Pasig," Chavez explained.

Flaminiano, Castañeda's half sister, had filed before Las Piñas RTC Branch 202 a petition for a writ of habeas corpus after her sister went missing more than a week ago.

But the Las Piñas court has yet to issue a resolution on the petition, which Judge Elizabeth Yu-Guray heard early this week.

'Contemptuous'

"We are still waiting for the court to either grant or deny the petition for the writ of habeas corpus. What Kapunan did was a contemptuous disregard for the court," Chavez said.

He added that they would also file contempt charges against Kapunan and Flaminiano for ignoring the Las Piñas City court.

Chavez is also readying charges of damage to property and injury to persons against the raiding team, who reportedly used excessive force to gain entry into Silvercrest.

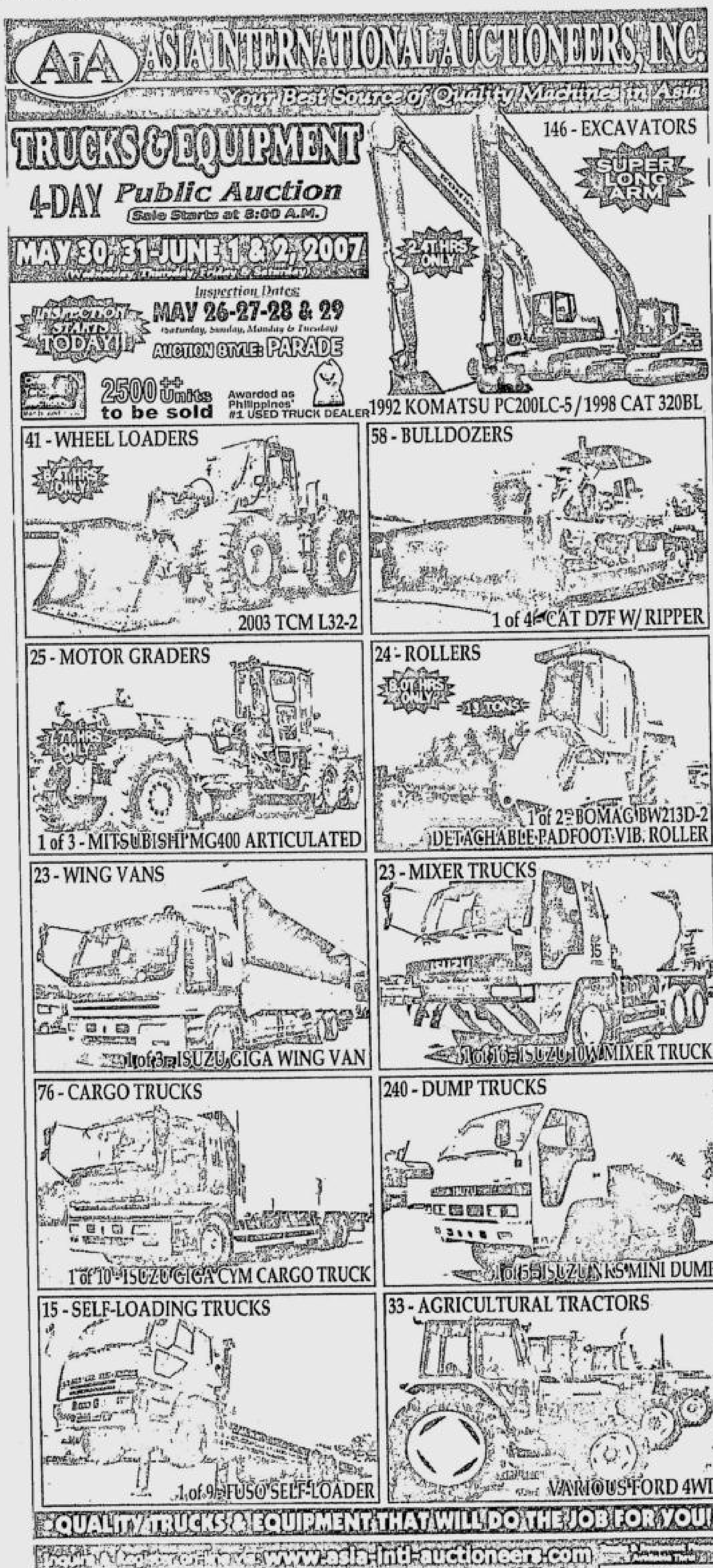
"Some of the employees sustained injuries when the muzzle of guns were pointed at their heads. Others were pushed against a wall. That's unnecessary force against people who are not fighting back," Chavez pointed out.

Chavez said she would also ask Pasig City family court Judge Amelia Manalastas to inhibit herself from the case, saying she has prejudged the case.

He added that it was the judge who suggested to Flaminiano's camp to file for a writ of habeas corpus to force Silvercrest and Jimenez to produce Castañeda.

Asked about his client's reaction, Chavez said: "Mr. Jimenez told me, 'If they want her, they got her. They could have her.'"

The INQUIRER tried to get the comments of Flaminiano and Kapunan but they could not be reached. The NBI is reportedly keeping Castañeda in a safe house.



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GMA extols heroism, hard work of teachers who served in polls

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO YESterday extolled the heroism and hard work of more than half a million public school teachers who served in the May 14 midterm elections and who will now go back to their main job with the opening of classes on June 4.

The President paid tribute to the teachers during the "Oplan Balik Eskwela" interagency command conference at the P. Burgos Elementary School in Sta. Mesa, Manila.

Ms Arroyo checked the preparations for the opening of school year 2007-2008 of the departments of education, health, defense, transportation, public works and trade and the Metro Manila Development Authority.

She was joined by Speaker Jose de Venecia, Education Secretary Jesli Lapus, PBES principal Estrella Agbayani and other officials.

Ms Arroyo said the nation owed a debt of gratitude to the teachers for the honest and sincere service they performed during the elections.

Truly heroes

"Our teachers truly are heroes—not only those who died and were hurt in the defense of the vote but also all the half a million (teachers) who served in more than 200,000 precincts around the country," Ms Arroyo said.

"Now, after several days of being sleepless and tired, our teachers continue their work for the country to prepare the schools for the opening of classes in June," Ms Arroyo said.

Ms Arroyo reiterated her order to the police to speed up the investigation and filing of charges against those responsible for the death of a teacher on duty during the election.

Nellie Banaag, a teacher at the Pinagbayanan Elementary School in Taysan, Batangas, died with poll watcher Leticia Ramos when policemen linked to the losing mayoralty candidate torched a school at dawn on May 15 just as the teachers were finishing the canvassing of votes.

Police Director Antonio Billones informed her that charges have already been filed against the members of the Batangas Regional Special Operations Group.

At the same time, the President asked Lapus whether there were enough teachers, classrooms and books for the opening of classes next month.

Ms Arroyo said the government is hiring 16,000 new teachers to improve the student-teacher ratio in the public schools. The target is a 50:1 student-classroom ratio covering two shifts a day.

Education Undersecretary Ramon Bacani reported that out of some 22.5 million students this school year, 17.4 million are elementary and high school students in the public schools.

After the command conference, the President distributed text books to some of the pupils in the PBES, a pilot school with 4,738 students.

She also took up a paint brush to repaint a school desk, together with De Venecia and Lapus.

The DepEd launched Oplan Balik Eskwela to ensure the smooth opening of classes by addressing common problems like traffic, safety of school children, and prices of school supplies. They also assessed the repair of school buildings and roads, supply of water and power in schools and problems associated with the rainy season.

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RP film gets standing ovation in Cannes

By Ruben V. Nepales
Los Angeles Correspondent

"FOSTER CHILD," A FILM ON the state of foster care in the Philippines, received a 10-minute standing ovation during its world premiere at the prestigious Cannes International Film Festival in France on Friday.

"We had a 10-minute standing ovation during the official screening," Robbie Tan, producer of the film, announced via text message about the reaction to "Foster Child" after its official screening Friday evening at the Directors' Fortnight in Cannes.

"The audience was absolutely moved by 'Foster Child,'" Robbie added.

The film's director, Brillante "Dante" Mendoza, was likewise elated by the favorable audience reception.

"I am humbled by the audience reaction. They said the film was one of the best in the Directors' Fortnight. We had to stand up to acknowledge the cheers," Mendoza said via a text message.

Ferdie Lapuz, the sales agent of "Foster Child," confirmed the standing ovation received by the film in a press statement.

"There was an almost 10-minute standing ovation for the film. Director Brillante Mendoza and actress Cherry Pie Picache stood up at least three times to acknowledge the cheers by the crowd. Both Mendoza and Picache were so moved by the reaction that they cried," the statement said.

Tan of Seiko Films claimed that the press screening held earlier, on Friday morning, was a success as well. "Many viewers told us that 'Foster Child' is a moving film. They were all praises for Cherry Pie (Picache)," he said.

Cherry Pie stars in the film along with Eugene Domingo, Jiro Manio, Alwyn Uytingco, Dan Alvaro and Kier Segundo.

"Foster Child" tells the story of Thelma (Cherry Pie), a slum dweller, who is hired as a foster mother by a local Foster Care Facility to provide temporary home and care to abandoned babies pending their formal adoption.

According to Directors' Fortnight artistic director Olivier Pere, 'Foster Child' is the second film to get a good reaction from the audience.

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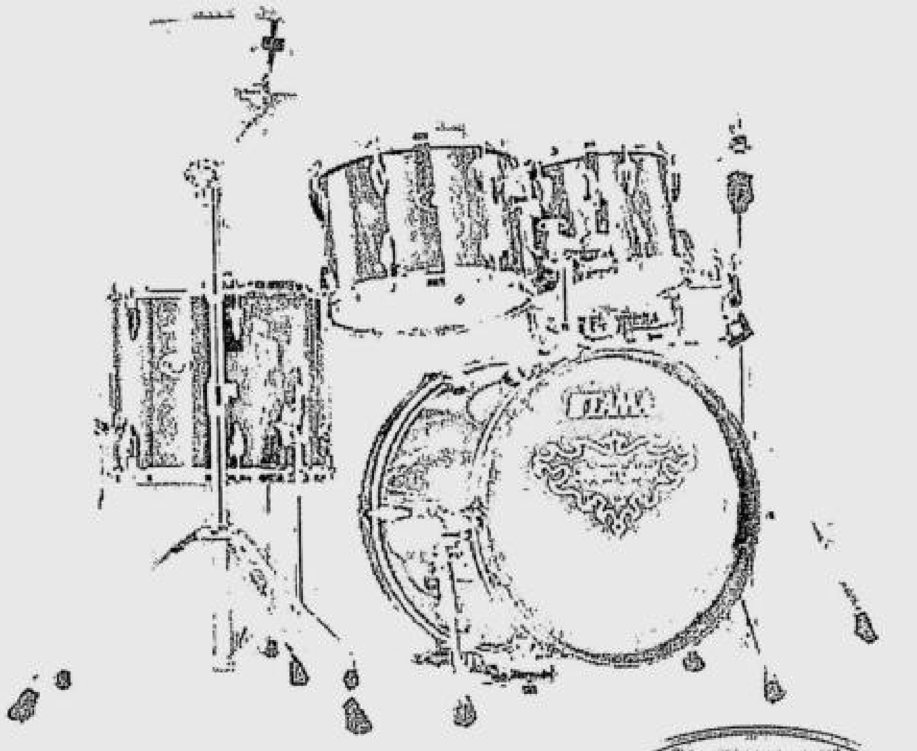

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Accuser becomes accused: Rival says 'Digs' cheated

COTABATO CITY—THIS EX-spokesman of ousted President Joseph Estrada was among those who called on the Commission on Elections to look into the supposed fraud in Maguindanao, but now he is being accused of committing a similar irregularity in Shariff Kabunsuan province.

Former congressman Didagen Dilangalen says he is winning in the congressional race in the district covering the town of Datu Odin Sinsuat (DOS), but his opponent, administration candidate Bai Sandra Sinsuat Sema, refuses to believe it.

"Before asking the Comelec to investigate alleged election irregularities in Maguindanao, he should first clean his own backyard of election filth," said Sema, who lost to Dilangalen's wife, Bai Sendig, in the 2004 congressional race.

Sema, a member of the education committee of the Unesco National Commission of the Philippines, accused Dilangalen of padding his votes in some 192 precincts in DOS, and of "conditioning the people's mind" that he was leading in the tally of the National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections (Namfrel).

Sour grapes

But Dilangalen said that his victory in DOS was expected, and that Sema's complaint was a mere case of sour grapes.

"I was supported by the Sinsuat [family], among other big families in the area. Gov. Datu Bimbo Sinsuat, Sema's uncle, and Mayor Datu Ombra Sinsuat supported me. [Sema] supported Tocao Mastura, who ran for governor against Governor Sinsuat. [How can] you expect the people of DOS to support her?" Dilangalen said.

Sema, however, said she was able to get hold of Namfrel copies of election returns "showing discrepancies in the ERs from 192 out of the 204 merged precincts."

She said that with the ERs from the 12 remaining precincts yet to be canvassed, Dilangalen got a total of 29,710 votes, which she was later "shocked to discover" had "suddenly become 33,418."

"Where did my rival get this bloated figure when the ERs from the 12 remaining precincts have yet to be canvassed?" she said.

Sema also assailed Dilangalen for announcing that he was ahead in the Namfrel count when, she said, he was actually trailing.

"He was conditioning the people's mind," she said.

Sema said her lawyers had filed a case of vote-padding against Dilangalen before the Comelec and sought a nullification of the supposed questionable votes.

"I cannot imagine losing in a town named after my grandfather," she said in reference to the late Mayor Datu Odin Sinsuat, who ruled the town for over a decade.

Countered Dilangalen: "She's desperate. People liked my performance both in Congress and in the district. She has lawyers and watchers in Datu Odin Sinsuat during the counting and the municipal canvassing. Why complain only now?"

Dilangalen, a lawyer, said last week that there was poll manipulation in Maguindanao, and called on the Comelec to investigate it.

He said an investigation would separate the innocent from the guilty: "It's the better side of judgment that the Comelec conduct an investigation to clear election officials and other personalities linked to the Maguindanao elections." *Charlie C. Señase, Inquirer Mindanao*

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Corrections

IN THE MAY 15 ISSUE, a commentary on Page A15—"Summer workshops"—omitted inadvertently the first name of the Sa Aklat Sisikat member who did a literary analysis of the Bamboo song "Tatsulok." The member's name is Dali Soriano. She did the analysis in a workshop called "From Reading to Writing."

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In the May 23 issue, a story on Page B1 of the Business section—"Economic managers push MRT 3 buyout proposal"—misstated the maximum fare for an MRT 3 ride. The maximum fare is P15—not P12.

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In the May 24 issue, a front-page story—"Inquirer.net drew 1.3 million viewers on Election Day"—stated erroneously that at least 1.3 million people visited Inquirer.net and that 9.7 million page views were registered on Election Day. The site traffic refers to the entire election week—not Election Day alone.

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In the May 25 issue, a story on Page A17—"RP sees more loans from Japan"—misstated that Sumitomo Metal Mining has a $500-million expansion project for its nickel mine in Surigao del Norte. The $500-million expansion project is for a Toyota plant. The Sumitomo nickel mine project costs $1 billion.

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10,000 sardine jobs in peril

THE DEPARTMENT of Labor and Employment yesterday said it has formed a regional task force to assist 10,000 sardine-industry workers in the Zamboanga Peninsula who are facing displacement due to rising production costs and leaner fish months.

Labor Secretary Arturo Brion said the task force would link with private companies to set in place a plan of action aimed at helping fisherfolk, cannery workers and other related service providers find alternative sources of livelihood and extra income.

The interagency task force will be under DOLE-Region 9 and will be joined by the Industrial Group of Companies in Zamboanga City, Southern Philippines Deep Sea Corp., labor unions and the city government.

The sardine industry is worth P3 billion annually. It is concentrated in Zamboanga City, which is dubbed the "Sardine Capital of the Philippines."

A study conducted by the United States Agency for International Development, through its Genuine Equity for Mindanao program, said that despite the relatively constant fish prices, the industry was still hit by crisis due to overfishing in the Sulu Sea and high operation costs.

The study said wages and fuel increases severely eroded the profits of fisherfolk since about 80 percent of their catch is sold to the eight major local canneries. The industry's fishing fleet consists of about 100 watercraft.

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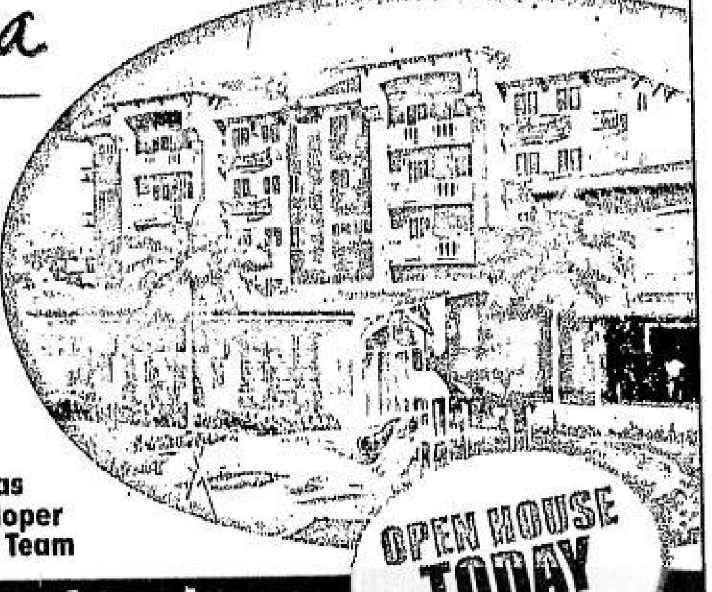

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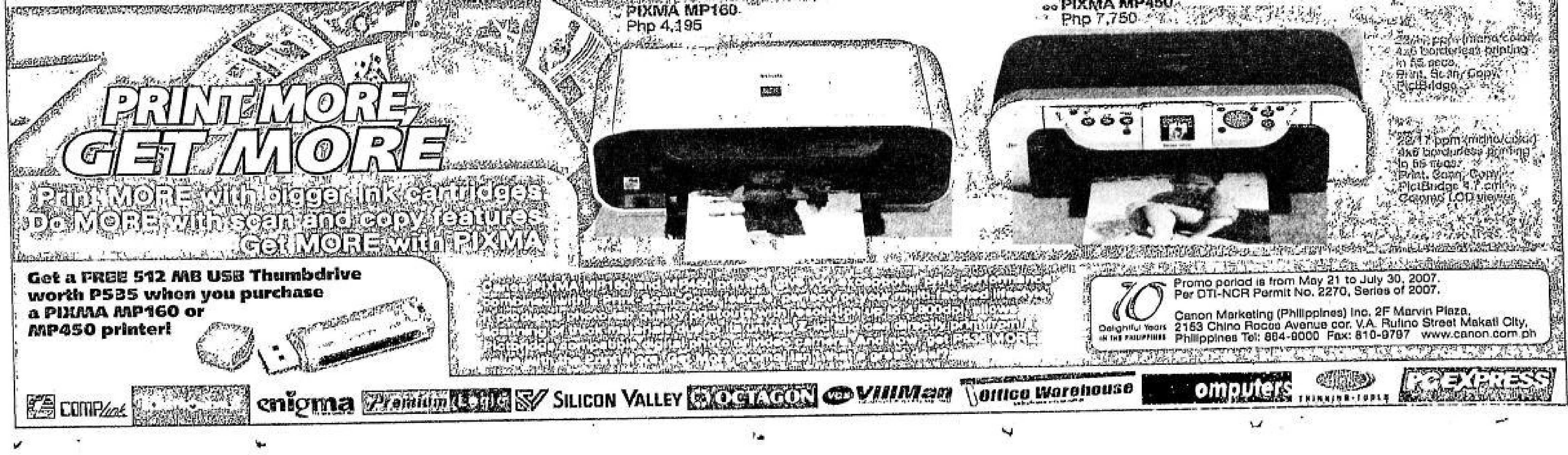

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Zubiri dislodges Pimentel as Cebu votes are tallied

By Tarra Quismundo and Jocelyn R. Uy

AS THE OFFICIAL CANVASSING of votes for senators ended yesterday for a weekend break, Genuine Opposition candidates continued to dominate the Magic 12 but failed to maintain its 8-2-2 lead after a third candidate from Team Unity barged into the winning circle.

With 80 percent of the certificates of canvass tabulated as of 6 p.m. last night, it's now 7-3-2 in favor of GO after GO's Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III was eased out of the 12th spot by TU's Miguel Zubiri as votes from Cebu City and Cebu province, which are known administration bailiwicks, were included in yesterday's tally.

Still on the lead was Loren Legarda (GO), followed by Francis "Chiz" Escudero (GO), Manuel Villar (GO) and Panfilo Lacson (GO). Other GO candidates in the Magic 12 were Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III (6th), Alan Peter Cayetano (9th) and Antonio Trillanes IV (11th).

Vote-rich Cebu, where more than 1.3 million voters favored most TU candidates in the polls, also fixed Edgardo Angara and Joker Arroyo in their slots at seventh and ninth, respectively.

Independent candidates Francis Pangilinan (5th) and Gregorio Honasan (10th) completed the winning circle.

Pimentel slipped to Zubiri's former slot at No. 14 after losing by almost 81,000 votes to the Bukidnon representative. Zubiri's return to the top 12 was a first since he placed 10th in the Commission on Elections count on May 21.

Voters in Cebu and Cebu City made it 7-4-1 in favor of TU, but Pangilinan was No. 1.

The Cebu canvass placed Arroyo in second and Angara in fourth, while Prospero Pichay, Mike Defensor, Ralph Recto and Cesar Montano were third, fifth, eighth and 12th, respectively.

Vicente Magsaysay was 14th, John Osmeña, TU's Cebuano candidate, ranked 15th, while Vicente Sotto III and Ilocos Sur Gov. Chavit Singson were further behind at 17th and 18th. Farther down were Tessie Aquino-Oreta at No. 21 and Jamalul Kiram was 24th.

Legarda and Escudero, were ninth and 10th for Cebu.

Aside from Cebu province and Cebu City, the Comelec also tallied the certificates of canvass from Cagayan de Oro, Cebu City, Pasay City and Zamboanga City, bringing the total number of canvassed CoCs to 76 provinces and 11 cities in Metro Manila, or 84 percent of the total 103 CoCs.

Canvassing would resume on Monday.

As this developed, the National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections looks all set to breach its record in the 2004 presidential elections in terms of precincts covered by its quick count with less than two weeks after the election.

Namfrel has tabulated and processed election returns from 176, 362 precincts, or 78.47 percent of the total 224,748 precincts around the country as of Saturday morning, a few percentage points shy of its 2004 record of 83 percent.

Yesterday, only ERs from 48,000 precincts equivalent to 8.5 to 9 million votes were left to be counted. *With reports from TJ Burgonio and Cynthia D. Balana*

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29	PAREDES, Zosimo	576,236
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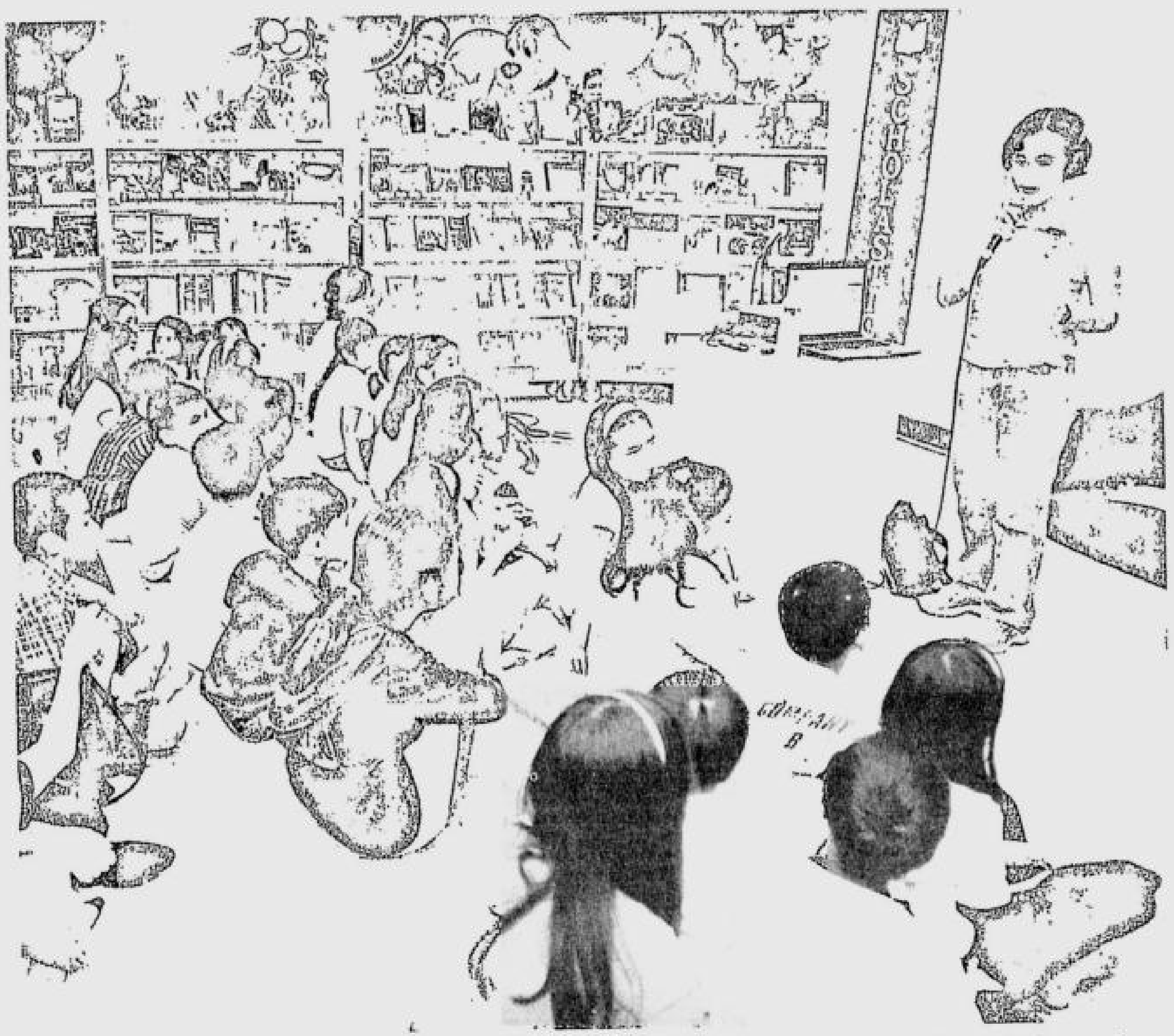


WHIZ KID: Mikaela Irene Fudolig, who graduated summa cum laude from UP at 16, reads to kids at the INQUIRER's second Read Along session on Saturday at the PDI main office on Chino Roces Ave., Makati City. RODEL ROTONI

16-year-old 'summa' tells of love affair with reading

LOVE FOR READING EXPLAINS A large part of Mikaela Irene Fudolig's achievement as the first 16-year-old summa cum laude graduate of the University of the Philippines Diliman. That is why she had no qualms about being the guest-storyteller for the second session of the INQUIRER Read-Along.

Aiming to teach children to love reading, the INQUIRER Read-Along program gathers children aged 7 to 13 for a story-reading session with celebrities and famous role models for the youth.

"My mother taught me reading by posting flash cards in different parts of the house," Fudolig said. "By two and a half years old, I was able to read in Filipino and at three, I started reading in English," she added.

Fudolig started her session with "I Love Reading," a personal presentation of how she developed her reading habits with a rundown of the books she has read.

"I started with 'Planetang Pakaskas,' 'Pamilyang Ismid,' Mickey Mouse books and the series of The Baby Sitter's Club and Nancy Drew," she revealed. She also said she loved Gabriel Garcia Marquez's "One Hundred Years of Solitude" and is now eager to finish J. K. Rowling's "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince."

She read Trina Paulus' "Hope for the Flowers" to an enthralled audience of kids and parents at the INQUIRER Multi-Purpose Room.

Aside from Fudolig, Charlyn Chua, the vice president of Alitaptap Storytellers Phils., a volunteer group also promoting reading among kids, told the story "The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig," the opposite version of a well-known fable.

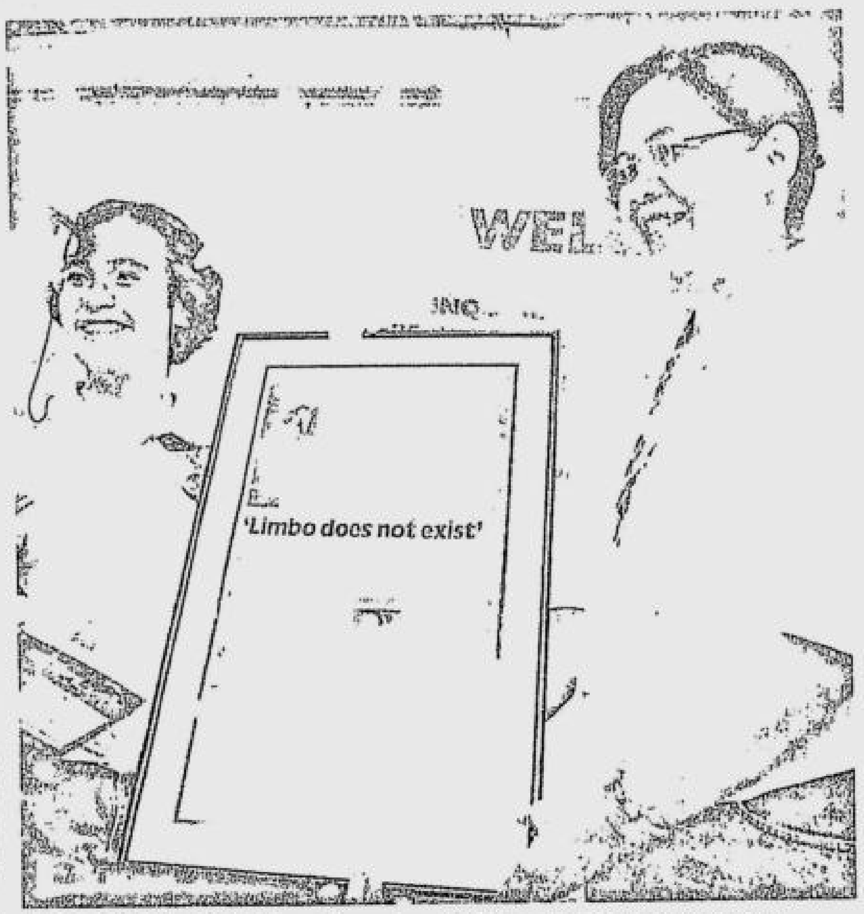
A willing supporter of the INQUIRER Read-Along program, the publishing house of Scholastic Inc. also gave away books to children.

"It was really enlightening," said 74-year old Vicenta Veloso, who brought her grandson after reading about the program in the INQUIRER. "I really appreciate the program because it will encourage my grandson to read more," Veloso added.

"I learned a lot and had fun!" said 10-year-old Mico Pandi.

The next INQUIRER Read-Along will be on June 16 with multi-awarded child star Sam Concepcion, and on June 30 with broadcast journalist Christine Bersola. The sessions will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Interested participants may contact Ellen Caparros or Girlie Refran at 897-8808, local 329. Slots are on a first-come, first-served basis. *Lawrence de Guzman, Inquirer Research*



PDI SAYS THANKS: Miner Generalao, PDI Research Department head presents a gift to guest storyteller Fudolig after the INQUIRER's Read Along session. The gift is the framed Page 1 story of her rare achievement. RODEL ROTONI

Atong Ang feels lost with new freedom

By Julie M. Aurelio

SIX YEARS SINCE HE FLED THE COUNTRY and after six months in jail here, Charlie "Atong" Ang, the controversial gambling crony of deposed president Joseph Estrada, said he found the sight of Manila's roads and streets a bit "alien" to him.

"*Naliligaw pa nga ako... Hindi ko na matandaan ang mga kalye. Nahihilo ako*, (I feel lost, I don't remember the streets. I feel dizzy)," Ang said upon arriving at the Metropolitan Manila District Jail in Camp Bagong Diwa, Bicutan, Taguig City, Friday evening to finally check out.

He had come from Quezon City where his release papers were processed.

The Sandiganbayan special division freed Ang on Friday after a deal that saw him plead guilty to the offense of bribing a public official in exchange for promising to testify for the state in cases "he has personal knowledge of." He also agreed to give the government P25 million supposedly representing his take from the P130 million in tobacco excise taxes that he and Estrada allegedly diverted in 1998.

Estrada, detained on plunder charges, has denied Ang's statements.

2 years probation

Ang got off with two years probation during which time he would be prohibited from engaging in any form of gambling.

Ironically, Ang said he had spent part of his time in jail gambling with jail officials on basketball games.

Jail warden Edgar Bolcio admitted that he and Ang would often bet on the regular basketball games between inmates "for fun."

"*Siya ang tagabili namin ng pizza pag natalo siya!* (When he lost, he would buy the pizza)," Bolcio chuckled.

Ang said he bought more than 10 pizzas for his fellow inmates throughout his six-month stay at the MMDJ.

Ang was detained at the second floor of the Special Intensive Care Area (SICA), which also housed suspected Abu Sayyaf terrorists.

Gambling with Erap

Ang, a little known Filipino-Chinese businessman, hit the headlines about a decade ago when he was videotaped at a casino playing a game of baccarat with Estrada, then running for President.

Public officials are prohibited from playing at government-run casinos. The casino employee suspected of releasing the security videotape, Edgar Bentain, was abducted shortly after the tape's release and has never been seen again. Charges flew that Estrada's men were behind the abduction but then security chief Panfilo Lacson—now a senator—denied this.

ANG: Betting in jail for fun

It was Ang's growing closeness to Estrada and his reported appointment as new gambling czar that virtually triggered Estrada's downfall.

Ilocos Sur governor Chavit Singson had accused Ang of attempting to assassinate him in October 2000, and blew the whistle on alleged gambling payoffs to Estrada. This led to a heated impeachment trial that culminated in the 2001 people power revolt (Edsa-2) that ousted a Philippine president for the second time, and brought then-Vice President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to power.

Extradited

Ang fled the country a day before the Edsa-2 revolt ended. But he was arrested at a hotel-casino in Las Vegas in November that year and detained for a year. In October 2004, the US District Court of Nevada found "probable cause" that Ang committed plunder and had him extradited to the Philippines.

Ang hopes to put his past behind him.

He said first on his priority list was his family. He said he would go home to his house in posh Corinthian Gardens in Quezon City to make up for lost time.

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Diaspora hurting OFW families

By Jerome Aning

EVEN THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT Administration admits that the rising number of Filipinos leaving for jobs abroad is hurting the foundations of the family.

"The immediate enticement to work abroad is considerable, because of materialism, but overseas Filipino workers must also realize the cost of leaving the family," POEA administrator Rosalinda Dimapilis Baldoz said in an interview.

Baldoz said she wanted values formation and preservation included in the orientation seminars being conducted for Filipinos about to work overseas or even those still considering the idea.

"The social and moral costs of migratory work should also be emphasized in our education programs," she added, referring to the Pre-Employment Orientation Seminar and the Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar administered by the POEA.

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Sunday, May 27, 2007
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1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

All were filled with the Holy Spirit.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. And suddenly out of the sky came a sound like a strong rushing wind and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. There appeared tongues as if of fire which parted and came to rest upon each one of them. All were filled with Holy Spirit and began to speak other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

Staying in Jerusalem were religious Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered, all excited because each heard them speaking in his own language. Full of amazement and wonder, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? How is it that we hear them in our own native language? Here are Parthians, Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and foreigners who accept Jewish beliefs, Cretians and Arabians; and all of us hear them proclaiming in our own language what God, the Savior, does."

2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-17

The Spirit is life and holiness.

So, those walking according to the flesh cannot please God.

Yet your existence is not in the flesh, but in the spirit, because the Spirit of God is within you. If you did not have the Spirit of Christ, you would not belong to him. But Christ is within you; though the body is branded by death as a consequence of sin, the spirit is life and holiness. And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is within you, He who raised Jesus Christ from among the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies. Yes, he will do it through his Spirit who dwells within you.

Then, brothers, let us leave the flesh and no longer live according to it. If not, we will die. Rather, walking in the Spirit, let us put to death the body's deeds so that we may live.

All those who walk in the Spirit of God are sons and daughters of God. Then, no more fear: you did not receive a spirit of slavery, but the Spirit that makes you sons and daughters and every time we cry, "Abba! (this is Dad!) Father!" the Spirit assures our spirit that we are sons and daughters of God. If we are children, we are heirs, too. Ours will be the inheritance of God and we will share it with Christ; for if we now suffer with him, we will also share Glory with him.

Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23b-26

The Helper will teach you and remind you.

Jesus said to his disciples, "If you love me, you will keep my com-mandments; and I will ask the Father and he will give you another Helper to be with you forever. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word and my Father will love him; and we will come to him and make a room in his home. But if anyone does not love me, he will not keep my words, and these words that you hear are not mine but the Father's who sent me.

"I told you all this while I was still with you. From now on the Helper, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of all that I have told you."

Commentary

The Spirit comes upon all those gathered and waiting to be clothed with power from on high and all begin to express the Spirit in foreign tongues, preaching boldly. Everyone who hears them, understands in their own language what God has done in Jesus. This Spirit has been given to us, individually in confirmation but more powerfully as Church together. We gather and the Spirit is expressed in each/all of us. We all call God "Father," in the power of the Spirit, and we are all gifted, These gifts are for the communion of the Church, and the common good. We are all one in the Spirit by baptism and eucharist.

The Spirit is Peace, the Person of the Risen Lord breathed into us, poured out upon us, sending us out into the world, as the Father sent Jesus to preach forgiveness and to hold those who do evil/injustice/violence bound—to resist evil and to live under the power of the sign of the cross. The Spirit draws us into the Trinity with Jesus to the glory of the Father. We can spend the rest of our lives/prayers seeking to understand this mystery.

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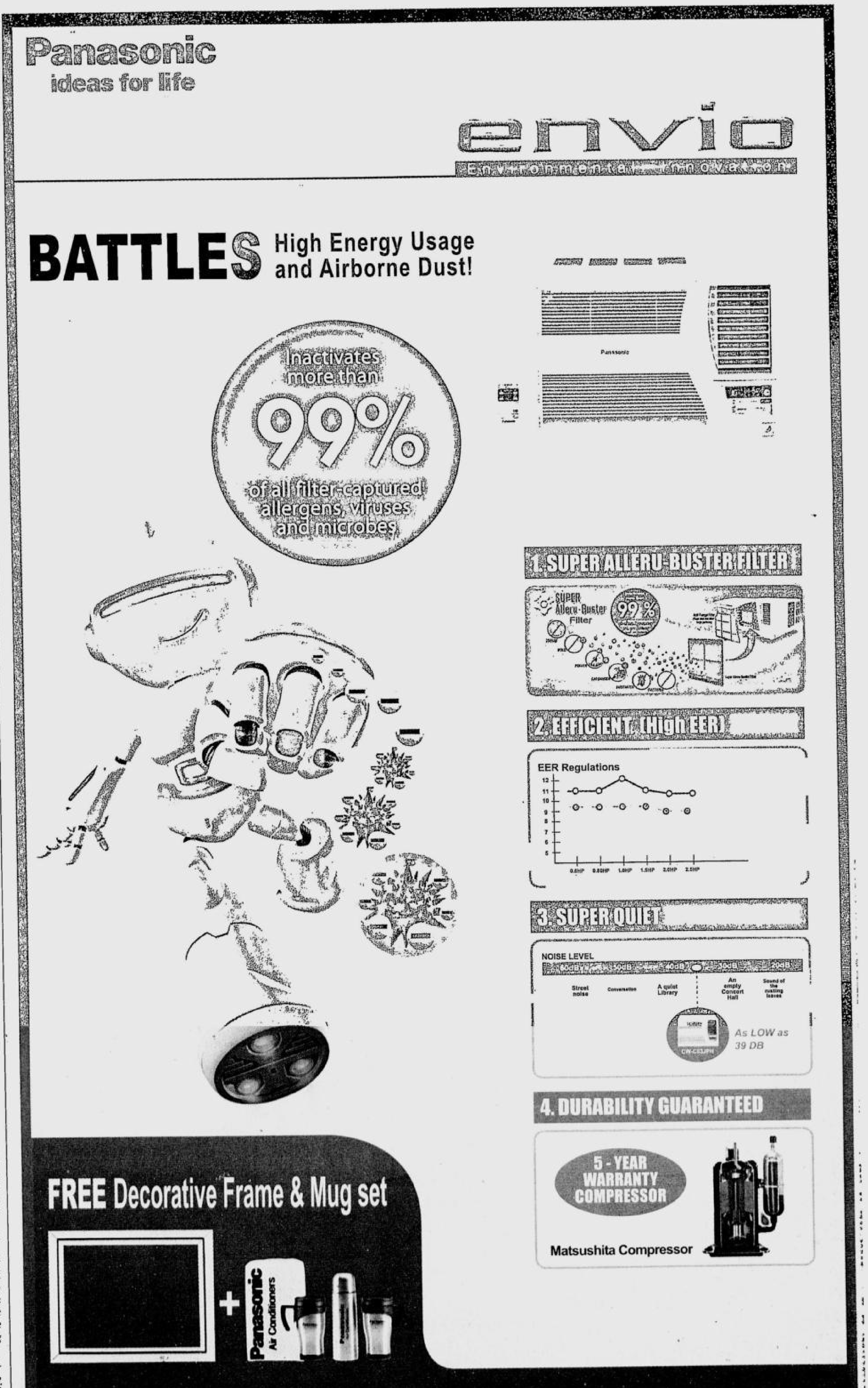

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Oil companies raise gasoline, LPG prices

By Abigail L. Ho

OIL COMPANIES YESTERDAY raised fuel prices by 50 centavos a liter and liquefied petroleum gas prices by 56 centavos a kilogram, citing higher oil prices in the world market.

Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. and Flying V increased the pump prices of gasoline, diesel, kerosene and LPG at 12:01 a.m. yesterday. Petron Corp. and Chevron Philippines Inc. followed suit at 6 a.m.

Total (Philippines) Corp. raised prices at 12:01 a.m. today, followed by Eastern Petroleum Corp. at 6 a.m.

Seaoil Philippines Inc. will increase fuel prices by the same level at 6 a.m. tomorrow.

Data from the Department of Energy showed that the regional benchmark Dubai crude rose to an average of $64.43 a barrel in the first 24 days of May from the April average of $63.97 a barrel.

The price of unleaded gasoline based on the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) benchmark for refined petroleum products surged to an average of $88.98 a barrel in the May 1-24 period, from only $83.64 a barrel in April.

The all-time high price of $92.53 a barrel for MOPS-based unleaded gasoline was recorded just last May 18.

MOPS-based diesel jumped to an average price of $83.33 a barrel as of May 24, from the April average of $82.11 a barrel.

Independent Philippine Petroleum Companies Association president Glenn Yu said motorists could expect more fuel price increases in the coming weeks.

The strengthening of the peso, he said, was not enough to prevent local pump prices from going up, as world oil prices continue to soar.

The last week of May would be a crucial period, he said, since this would signal the start of the summer driving season in the United States.

"Definitely for gasoline, I think consumers should expect further adjustments because of the strained refinery situation in the US... Not to mention that the inventory of gasoline are below the five-year average in the US," he said.

The latest fuel price hike was the seventh for gasoline for a total of P4 a liter, and the sixth for both diesel and kerosene for a total of P3 a liter.

Since the start of the year, pump prices of gasoline, diesel and kerosene have also been reduced by a total of P1.80 a liter.

LPG prices have risen three times this year for a total of P2.24 a kilo, but have also gone down four times for a total of P2.24 a kilo.

The price hike brings premium unleaded gasoline prices to between P37.73 and P40.70 a liter, diesel prices to between P32.37 and P35.65 a liter, kerosene prices to P35.65 and P40.70 a liter, and LPG prices to between P468.12 and P546.16 per 11 kilogram cylinder.

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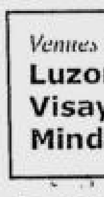

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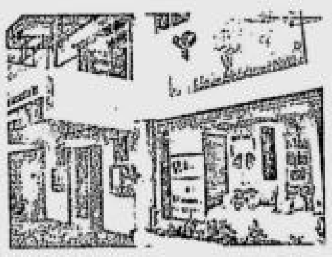

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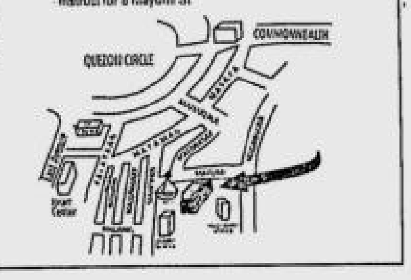

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Row among PNP brass imperils Taysan probe

By Alcuin Papa

A DEEP-SEATED PERSONAL CONFLICT among ranking officials of the Philippine National Police (PNP) is threatening to derail the investigation into the May 15 burning of a public school in Taysan, Batangas.

Investigators involved in the Taysan probe revealed the personal conflict between Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) chief Director Edgardo Doromal and Region 4-A police commander Chief Supt. Nicasio Radovan.

Doromal's unit has been tasked to investigate the involvement of Radovan's men in the burning of the Pinagbayanan Elementary School in Taysan, which resulted in the death of a teacher and two poll watchers.

Both Doromal and Radovan are classmates at the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) Class of 1974.

Sources, who requested anonymity, said Doromal is intent on "getting to the bottom of the case no matter who is charged in court, whether civilian or police officer."

The conflict between the two, sources said, started when Radovan and Doromal were both lobbying hard for the top Region 4-A post.

Iglesia lobby

Doromal was all set to assume the position as Region 4-A police chief with the assumption orders already in his hands. But at the last minute, Radovan snatched the job away from Doromal's hands through the lobby of the Iglesia Ni Kristo, of which Radovan is a member.

An angry Doromal had to "settle" for an assignment as head of the CIDG.

When Doromal earned his second star while at the CIDG, Radovan was said to be envious of Doromal and started to lobby for the position of CIDG chief in turn. This further angered Doromal, an officer of few words but with notorious temper.

Officers inside Camp Crame fear mentioning the name of Radovan when Doromal is around.

Even in their appearance before the media, officers are careful not to put the two together. "They might end up shouting at each other or even exchanging blows," said another officer, who asked not to be identified.

In the early hours of May 15, around five heavily armed men attacked the public school in Taysan, pointed their guns at election officials and poll watchers and set the ballot boxes on fire.

Witnesses later identified two members of the Region 4-A's Regional Special Operations Group (RSOG), Inspector Robert Marinda and SPO2 William Relos, as the ones who started the fire.

Pullout order

Investigation showed that a team guarding the school at the time of the attack, led by Taysan deputy chief of police Inspector Ruel dela Cruz, was ordered by Taysan chief of police Chief Inspector Elpidio Ramirez to pull out since RSOG men were on their way.

Sources in the Region 4-A command said they are trying to determine who gave the order to Ramirez to pull out dela Cruz's men.

Marinda and Relos, as well as other members of the RSOG, were earlier spotted in the house of Taysan mayoral candidate Hernando Villena.

They have been relieved of their posts and are detained in Camp Vicente Lim, headquarters of the Calabarzon police.

The two, including some John Does, have been charged with arson and murder for the fire.

Marinda has denied the charges, saying he was 11 kilometers away from the school at the time. Villena, as well as his rival Victor Portugal, have also denied involvement in the incident.

RSOG chief Supt. James Brilliantes was also relieved of his post.

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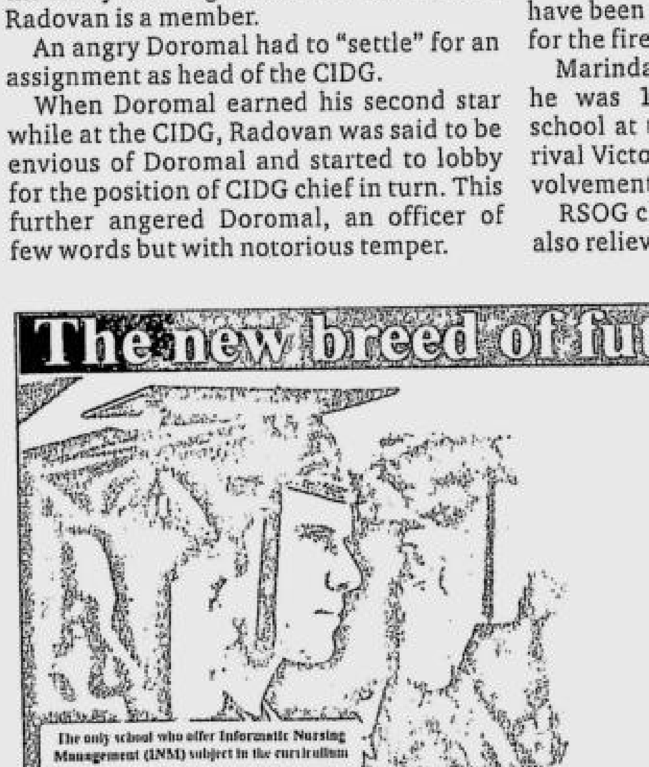

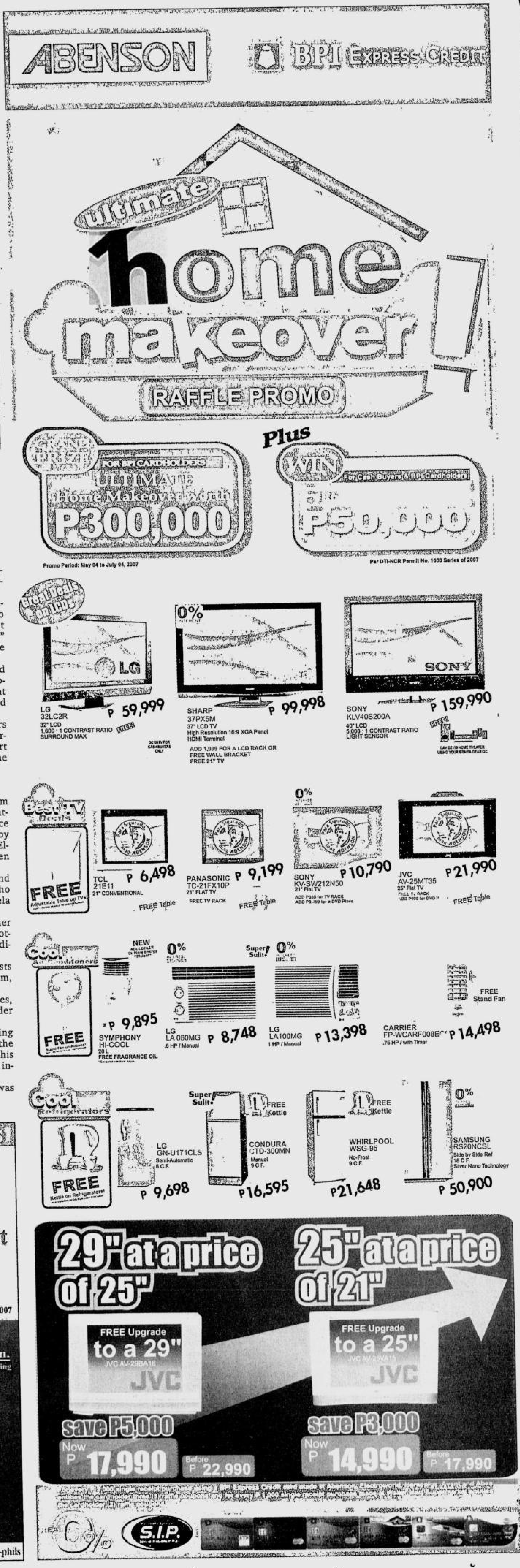

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Profiles in courage: The lawyer, the soldier

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

MARAWI CITY—THE LAWYER had a choice, the soldier didn't. But they both served willingly, without hesitation, in yesterday's special elections in Lanao del Sur. For their pains, they got shot at. Commission on Elections lawyer Aleli Ramirez, 30, escaped unhurt. But Cpl. Samson Catacutan, 36, was less lucky. A bullet grazed his right eyebrow.

Gunmen opened fire on the military truck Catacutan and other soldiers were on, while escorting election workers on their way to a remote elementary school in Pualas town.

"Shots were coming from the mountains, in front of us and to our right. We could not see anybody. We just saw small flashes from their guns," Catacutan told the INQUIRER.

The attack happened at 8 a.m. yesterday. The convoy was still seven kilometers away from Yaran Elementary School.

Catacutan's unit is based in Sultan Kudarat. But after the Comelec ordered more troops to safeguard the special elections, he found himself sent to Lanao del Sur.

In the first few seconds of the attack, a bullet grazed his right eyebrow. The soldiers returned fire.

"We jumped off the truck and sought cover. They continued firing at us, but we managed to take cover," Catacutan said.

They were at a disadvantage. The gunmen were hiding in the lush forest and had apparently been waiting for the convoy to pass.

Catacutan and his fellow soldiers traded shots with the gunmen, while the teachers and other soldiers remained inside the vans carrying the ballot boxes, refusing to abandon the election materials.

The encounter ended with the gunmen retreating when they saw the soldiers had already taken defensive positions. But the attack was enough to again postpone the elections in barangays Dapao, Notong, Bualan, Yaran and Bantayan.

"This is my duty. We have to protect the ballot," Catacutan said, his wound covered with a piece of gauze.

He was brought by Comelec officials to the Amai Pak Pak Medical Center in Marawi City six hours after he was wounded. He was limping, having suffered a bad fall when he jumped off the truck during the attack.

Walking alone

Ramirez served as election officer in Malaybalay, Bukidnon, on May 14. "It was very peaceful there," she said.

"I could just walk alone there and nothing would happen to me," she told the INQUIRER.

Lanao del Sur was a different world: The threat of violence was very much present.

When she was asked to be the special action officer for the special elections in Kapai town, where the mayoral race is hotly contested, Ramirez did not hesitate.

"I was excited about the experience," she said, recalling how her colleagues at the Comelec would exchange stories about serving in violence-marred elections.

"It was a must. You are not a full-fledged election officer if you have not experienced that," she said, speaking in Filipino.

She now feels fulfilled after her baptism of fire: She had to duck for cover along with her staff members when gunmen opened fire on the Kapai Town Hall yesterday afternoon, where they were waiting for the ballot boxes from the voting precincts.

The town hall lies at the foot of a mountain. The shots came from higher ground, the bullets falling on the roof in intervals of a few seconds. According to soldiers and policemen, the gunmen used high-powered guns: M203, M14 and other rifles.

"Our police and military escorts were lying down, so we also ducked for cover. I was scared. My husband was outside," Ramirez recalled.

Her husband, a policeman, was in the service van when the gunshots rang. He tried to steer the vehicle away, but one of the tires got stuck in the mud. He, too, got scared.

"It is just part of her work," he said, when asked why he allowed his wife to work in a province where election-related violence had become ordinary.

WHEN BULLETS AND BALLOTS GO HAND IN HAND: Heavily armed soldiers escort teachers carrying ballot boxes on their way to the Madalum Central Elementary School in a precinct in the town of Linuk Madrasah. After the voting, the ballot boxes will be brought to the provincial capitol in Marawi City for consolidated canvassing.

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The attack was not enough to scare Ramirez away: "The voting was completed. I will never allow a failure of elections," she said.

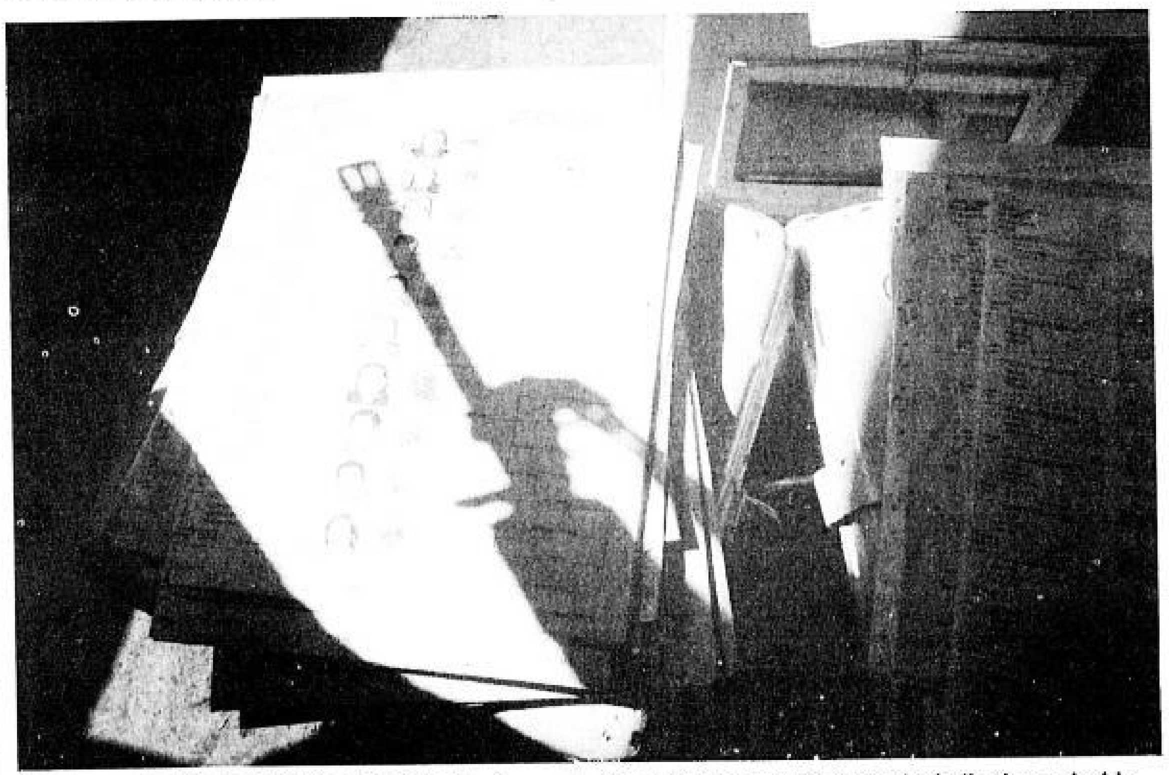
She related how difficult it was merely to complete the roster of the board of election inspectors. Rival candidates protested the designation of certain teachers; there were even brawls in the morning.

"I did not want all my effort to be wasted. We worked hard for this," she said.

She did not tell her parents, however, that she had been assigned to Kapai. She has two young children.

Ramirez feels lucky to have her five staff members with her, who could have easily refused to be reassigned from Bukidnon to Lanao del Sur, but instead chose to stay with her.

She said she was willing to serve again. She said she would remember not only the scary experience, but also the breathtaking view of the lush forest she had seen.



UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE GUN: The long arm of a soldier, who's guarding the ballot boxes inside the Madalum Central Elementary School during yesterday's special election in Lanao del Sur, casts a sinister shadow on a list of registered voters.

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Most trusted commissioner up against rotten system

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around the 13 towns yesterday, making wisecracks about the security in an apparent attempt to conceal nervousness.

Special people

"Special people for the special elections" was how Sarmiento described the team on the eve of the special polls. He said its members were among the best in the Comelec.

Sarmiento's appointment last year to the poll body was endorsed by former Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr., President Macapagal-Arroyo's adviser on electoral reforms.

United Opposition lawyer Sixto Brillantes described Sarmiento, at 53 the Comelec's youngest commissioner, as the "most qualified to supervise" the special elections.

But Rep. Satur Ocampo of the militant party-list group Bayan Muna posed the inevitable question: "Can he beat the system?"

All alone

According to Casiple, executive director of the Institute for Political and Electoral Reform (IPER), Sarmiento's credibility is "very high" among civil society groups.

Casiple, however, raised one problem that Sarmiento, his fellow founder of IPER and a former deputy presidential adviser on the peace process, was facing.

"He's all alone taking care of a region where there are habitual problems [in the conduct of the elections]. You cannot turn around the whole situation in a few months, or even a few years," Casiple told the INQUIRER soon after the Comelec scheduled the special elections in Lanao del Sur.

While Sarmiento "did well" in immediately declaring a failure of elections in the 13 troubled towns, he may have inadvertently "played into the hands" of those who could have designed it, Casiple said, adding:

"He couldn't have done otherwise."

Casiple said having special elections in Lanao del Sur was exactly what political operators wanted to happen.

"It precisely puts the whole province in a position to determine the last slots in the senatorial race. Everybody in danger of falling out of the Magic 12 will be there," he added.

Supervision of ARMM

A reshuffle of the commissioners' assignments barely a month before the May 14 elections resulted in Sarmiento taking over supervision of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao from Comelec Chair Benjamin Abalos Sr.

Days after the midterm elections, Sarmiento found himself having to deal with countless allegations of fraud in the ARMM provinces.

Aside from taking charge of the Lanao del Sur special elections, Sarmiento heads the Comelec task force organized to look into the reported cheating in Maguindanao, where the administration's Team Unity supposedly made a clean sweep.

Unfortunately for him, he has to deal with an institution where the "structure" that allows for irregularities to take place remains solid and firm, Casiple pointed out.

For one, he has to work with local Comelec officials linked to the "Hello Garci" scandal, Casiple said. (In a previous interview, Sarmiento told the INQUIRER that the officials implicated in the scandal that tainted the 2004 presidential election were "innocent until proven guilty.")

In this sense, according to Casiple, when something goes wrong in the conduct of the special elections, Sarmiento has no "independent" way of determining "what exactly is happening," except from the reports furnished by election watchdog groups such as the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting.

Added Casiple: "There's a structure in place that hasn't been changed, that is suspect. Then you put somebody with integrity on top [of it]. That person has to take the heat."

Deep concern

Sarmiento stayed all day yesterday at the monitoring center set up at the guest house of the Mindanao State University Gym in Marawi City.

He flew to Lanao del Sur on Thursday, "to show our people that the commission is very concerned [about] and interested in the conduct of [the special elections]."

Sarmiento knows the ARMM's notoriety as far as elections are concerned.

It is something he wants to change, and in the process also improve the deteriorating image of the Comelec. (Virgilio Garcillano, the man behind the "Hello Garci" scandal, was in charge of the ARMM during his term as election commissioner.)

"This exercise is very important to the Comelec. We are hopeful we can draw many lessons here for our future elections," Sarmiento said. *With a report from Edson C. Tandoc Jr. in Marawi City*

Lanao: Not perfect, but ...

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travelled to this Islamic City for the midterm elections.

Scores of volunteers from the PPCRV backed up the Namfrel in the centralized canvass to be held at the gymnasium near the provincial capitol.

But as of 7 p.m. last night the canvass has yet to begin.

Sarmiento said an election officer had to travel by boat from Bayang to transport the ballot boxes to Marawi, where centralized tallying and canvassing started last night at the Amai Pak Pak Central Elementary School, the Marawi National High School, and the People's Freedom Park.

Soldiers have been heavily deployed to these canvassing areas.

Of the more than 5,000 soldiers now in the province, one sustained minor injuries when gunmen opened fire at the Army truck in which he was escorting teachers who were to deliver election materials to a barangay in Pualas yesterday morning.

In the afternoon, gunmen opened fire at the Kapai town hall where ballot boxes were to be delivered. No one was hurt. *(See story on this page.)*

Power outages also forced the Comelec to postpone the elections in nine precincts, Sarmiento said.

There were also reported cases of vote-buying and of local candidates threatening people against voting, but Sarmiento said these were "isolated cases" which the task force would look into.

BEIS refused to serve

Earlier in the day, Sarmiento told INQUIRER Mindanao by phone that members of the board of election inspectors (BEIs) in Butig had again balked at performing their duties.

"Some politicians in Butig have advised the people not to cast their votes. And the BEIs have refused to serve. We have dispatched police and Comelec staff to the area," Sarmiento said.

Policemen were sent to Butig to replace the BEIs, but "as of 1:30 p.m., there was no election happening" in the town, he said.

Chief Insp. Danilo Bacas, police spokesperson of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, later said the Comelec had declared another failure of elections in Butig, which has 8,517 voters.

Bacas said that even as policemen were ready to function as BEIs, candidates had opposed the proposed clustering of precincts.

At least 42 ballot boxes containing election paraphernalia for Butig were brought back to the provincial capitol in Marawi, according to Khayer Pansar, a watcher for the ruling Lakas-CMD.

Explosions

Bacas said the Comelec had decided to hold the elections in Butig today, with 100 policemen serving as BEIs and security personnel.

As of noon, no balloting was taking place in three villages of Taraka and some villages in Marantao.

In Masiu, residents panicked when four explosions caused by mortar fire greeted voters as polling precincts were opening at around 7 a.m.

Chief Supt. Joel Goltiao, ARMM police chief, tried to downplay the incident by saying it was just a case of strafing.

He said no one was hurt, but a volunteer for the Partido Demokratiko Sosyalista ng Pilipinas said a poll watcher was injured.

Goltiao said that in Kapai, a poll officer went missing when an unidentified armed group clashed with policemen.

Nevertheless, he said, voters managed to cast their ballots in Masiu and certain villages of Pualas.

In Madalum, balloting started at around 11 a.m.

A poll watcher for a gubernatorial candidate said that even with the reported violence, he hoped that yesterday's political exercise could at least erase the blot on Lanao del Sur caused by the failure of elections on May 14.

In Lumba-Bayabao, polling precincts opened at around 10 a.m. because of the delayed delivery of election paraphernalia.

Flying voters

Fahad Alauya, a poll watcher for a provincial candidate in the town, said the presence of security forces made it safe for them to confront suspected flying voters.

It was the presence of alleged flying voters in Lumba-Bayabao that led to the calling off of elections there on May 14.

In Lumbatan, residents posted a warning sign that read: "Notice: We are asking our Christian brothers who are flying voters in Lumbatan to avoid trouble. Do not go to Lumbatan."

Hadji Abdullah Dalidig, chair of the National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections (Namfrel) in Lanao del Sur, earlier warned that unless the Comelec weeded out flying voters, the integrity of the elections in the province would always be suspect.

Lalai Diampuan, 19, said it was "disheartening" to hear of Lanao del Sur as "the 'cheating capital' of the country."

New era

Sarmiento said the repeated failure of elections in the concerned areas could be attributed to an apparent "subculture of failure of elections" in the province.

But he was quick to add that the peaceful conduct of the special polls in most of the 13 towns could hopefully "usher in a new era of elections in Lanao del Sur."

"Prayers from our friends also helped a lot," he added.

Sarmiento said policemen would be deployed to serve as BEIs in the areas where balloting would be conducted today.

He said election officers also initiated dialogues yesterday with local officials to douse tension and resolve differences. *With reports from Ryan Rosauro, Richel Umel, Nash Maulana and Jeoffrey Maitem, Inquirer Mindanao; and Fe Zamora*

DENR wants gov't policies on biodiversity reviewed

By TJ Burgonio

EVEN MIGRATORY BIRDS ARE AT RISK FROM rising sea levels, that's why there's a need for the government to review policies on biodiversity vis-à-vis climate change, Environment Secretary Angelo Reyes said yesterday.

At the closing program of the International Day for Biological Diversity, Reyes said that global warming, mainly caused by higher greenhouse gas emissions, has the same impact on people and the country's wildlife resources.

"Migratory waterbirds, for example, who rely on a network of a very few, widely separated wetlands for their migration are at serious risk from rising sea levels," Reyes said in a speech at the Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Center in Quezon City.

"And so are those wildlife species that use beaches and shallow coastal waters for nesting and breeding."

To cope with the adverse effects of global warming, Reyes said the government's policies on biodiversity conservation and protected area management "must be adaptable."

Urgent issue

"We will therefore review existing policies and determine whether existing directives are adequate to meet the demands of biodiversity conservation and climate change," he said. "The issue of climate change is urgent."

The rise in sea levels is one of the projected effects of climate change. It will be felt through increases in intensity and frequency of storms, increased erosion, loss of important wetlands and mangroves, among others, according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Reyes said the government has taken steps to adapt to global warming and minimize emission of greenhouse gases, like carbon dioxide, into the atmosphere, even as he urged people to do their share.

Chief among these measures, he said, is the biofuels program, where extracts from biological resources such as ethanol, coco-diesel and jathropa are mixed with motor fuel to produce cleaner emissions.

Reyes said the government had vigorously enforced emissions standards on vehicles, and is currently assisting public utility vehicles operators acquire cleaner engines through a financing scheme.

"We are actively pursuing the shift from the use of fossil fuels like oil and coal for our energy to renewable sources like wind, water, natural gas and geothermal," he said.

Carbon Trading

The government, he added, was also promoting carbon trading, and currently has

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eight such projects registered with the United Nations Clean Development Mechanism Executive Board.

As part of the Green Philippines Highways Program, a nationwide tree-planting project, the government would plant 20 million seedlings this year.

Reyes, however, said that even ordinary people could do their share in cutting carbon emissions in their daily routine by planting trees, putting out the lights or TV when nobody is using them, or limiting the use of cars.

"Join our Green Philippines program and you will be rewarded with cleaner air and a healthier environment," he said.

Reyes said that President Macapagal-Arroyo created a Presidential Task Force on Climate Change on Feb. 20 to draw up a nationwide plan to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change.

The DENR chief, who chairs the task force, however, did not say whether the "action plan" has already been drafted. Environmental groups had earlier said that the 45-day deadline for the drafting of the plan had lapsed.

RP to get $1.2M army aid from China

CHINA HAS AGREED TO GIVE THE Philippines $1.2 million worth of military engineering equipment as part of efforts to build security ties with a close ally of the United States.

Antonio Santos, a retired general and defense undersecretary, said the equipment including bulldozers would be delivered in 2008, the third batch from China since the two countries established defense relations a decade ago.

"These equipment would be used to build roads and bridges in conflict areas in the south," Santos told Reuters on Saturday, a day after an annual security meeting between defense officials from the two countries.

Since 1951, the Philippines has had a defense treaty with the United States, its former colonial ruler and security partner, and is negotiating a similar arrangement with Australia and other Southeast Asian states.

On Friday, defense officials from the Philippines and China exchanged views on international and regional security issues including a territorial dispute over the Spratly islands.

Several countries in the region—Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam, China and its renegade province Taiwan—have conflicting claims on dozens of uninhabited islands in the South China Sea believed to be rich in oil, gas and minerals.

Manila and Beijing established relations in 1975 but it took another 20 years before they agreed to exchange visits of senior defense and military officials.

In 2006, some $1.2 million worth of bulldozers and graders were donated to the Philippines after the two states inaugurated annual defense meetings in Manila.

China has also agreed to accept defense personnel from the Philippines to attend military schools and universities in an effort to improve understanding of each other's security concerns.

"But, we're not ready yet to hold military drills," Santos said, adding the two countries do not have any agreement allowing the exchange of troops for training and war games. *Reuters*

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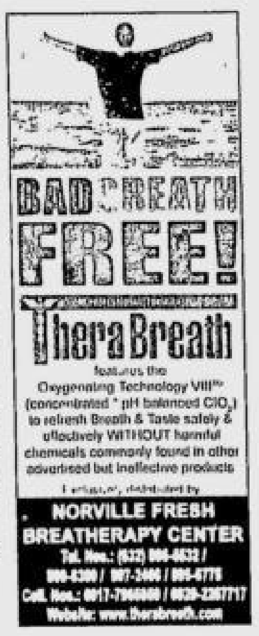

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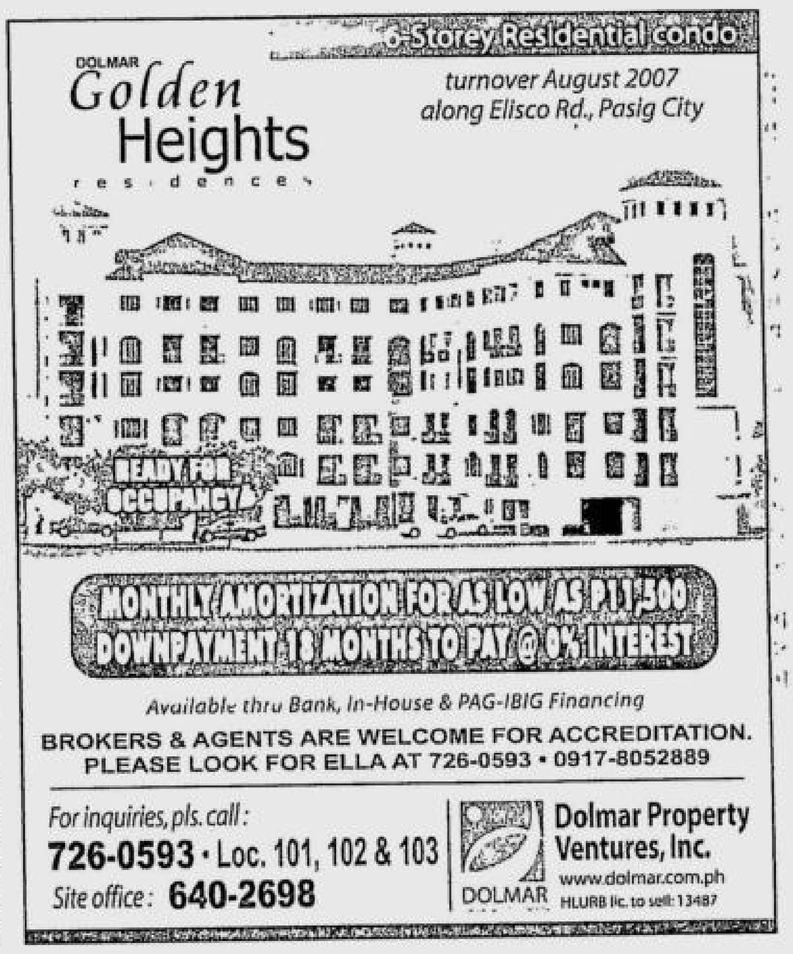

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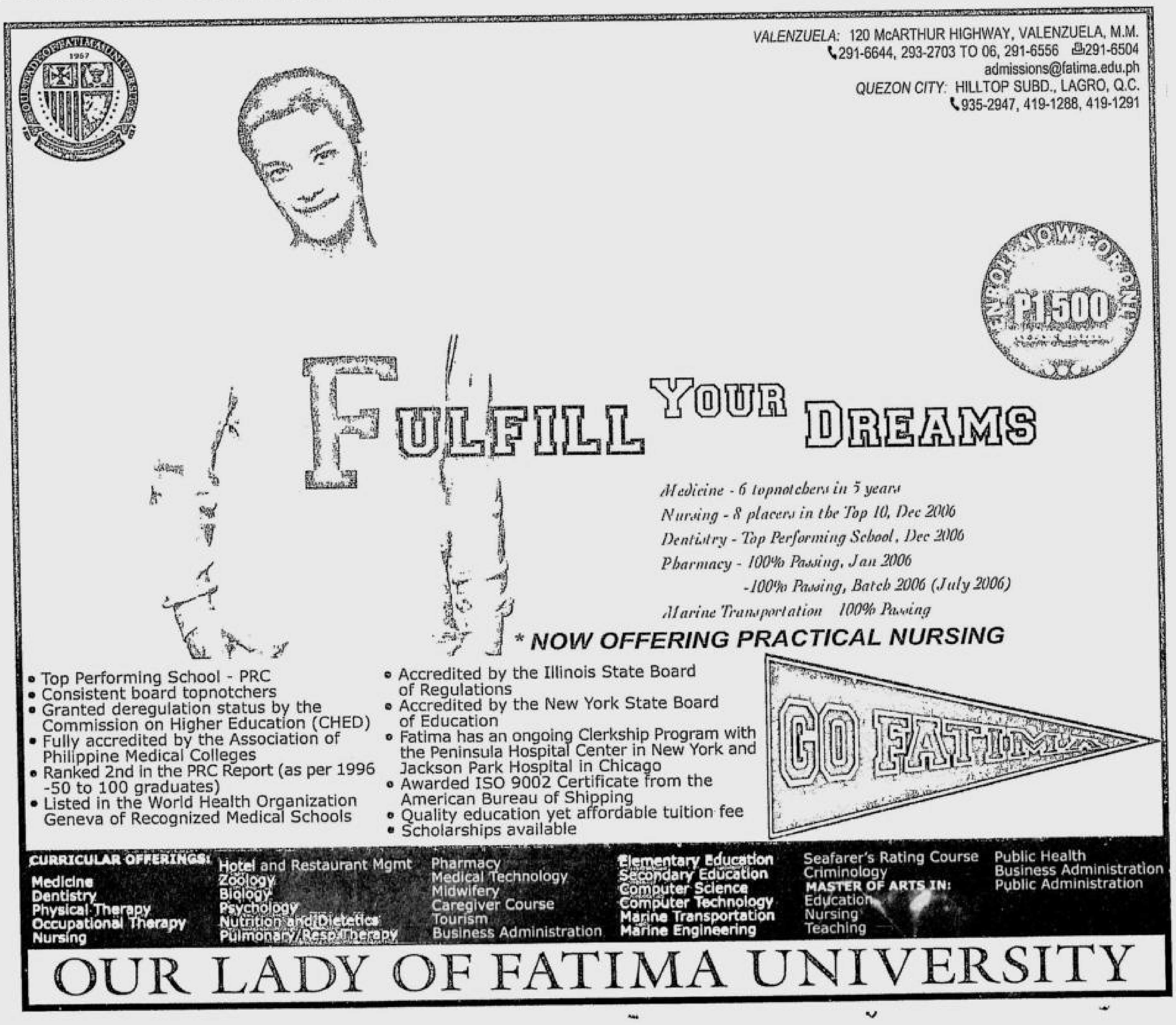

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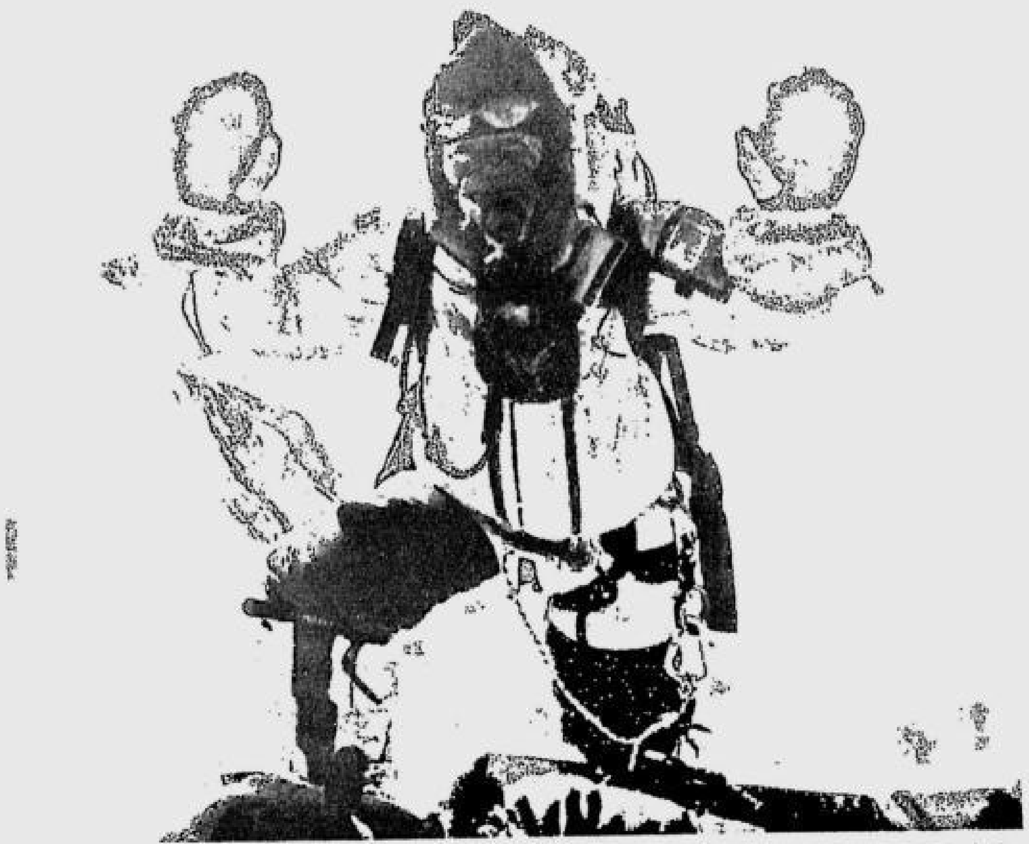

KARINA DAYONDON raises her hands in triumph on the Everest summit with Mt. Makalu in the background. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

RP flag: From Cavite to the top of Everest

By Lawrence de Guzman
Inquirer Research

TOMORROW, THE NATION COMMEMOrates the first time the Philippine flag was displayed after the Filipinos stood victorious against the Spaniards in the Battle of Alapan, Cavite on May 28, 1898.

Designed by General Emilio Aguinaldo, then president of the revolutionary government, the first flag was sewn in Hong Kong by Marcella Agoncillo with the help of her daughter Lorenza and the niece of Dr. Jose Rizal, Delfina Herbosa Natividad.

Aguinaldo would formally unfurl the flag while proclaiming independence of the Filipinos at his window in Kawit, Cavite on June 12, 1898.

But over a hundred years after the historic event, does the flag remain significant, still invoking a sense of nationalism among Filipinos?

"It has been my tradition to bring our flag with me during my mountain expeditions," says Romi Garduce, the third Filipino mountaineer to reach the summit of Mt. Everest last year, next to Leo Oracion and Erwin Emata.

While preparing for the last leg of his ascent to the peak of the world's tallest mountain, Garduce included a small Philippine flag among the limited things he could bring with him.

"I was not really emotional about it," Garduce admits. "But it was during our way down that I got to realize what we have achieved. It was euphoric, and the feat was a source of national pride," he adds.

"I used to have a bigger flag, but a friend gave me a smaller one, the one I brought," Garduce explains. "I consider it really valuable. I am actually having it encased in glass," he reveals.

Garduce says he always identifies himself with the flag he brings, but especially when he is among foreigners.

"I sense my being a Filipino more when I am with foreign climbers and get to talk about our culture. I guess it's natural to feel that way," he says.

Michael Abubakar feels the same way.

"I was more aware of my being a Filipino when I was abroad," says the 66-year-old civil engineer who spent 23 years working in Saudi Arabia.

"I appreciated everything Filipino and I would even visit the Philippine embassy for activities," says Abubakar, who is now based in Jolo.

"My love for the flag also grew there. Every time I saw one, there was a healthy feeling of pride in me. I appreciated the rich meaning of our flag that made the flags of other nations pale in comparison," Abubakar adds.

Erlinda Padilla, who has been sewing flags for a living for 12 years now, has the same pride in the cloth that reflects our national identity.

"I have made all those flags already," Padilla says, while pointing to the chart of flags around the world. "But I feel different whenever I make a replica of our own. There is respect on my part because it is our own flag," the 44-year-old tailor adds.

Asked if she knew the meaning of the different symbols in the our flag, the modern-day Agoncillo, however, struggles to find the right terms. "It was taught in elementary. I know it, but I just forget sometimes," she says.

"Of course, there are times when I get used to making our flag that I forget its meaning," she says. "But I never lose respect for it," she adds.

Prof. Jay Yacat of the University of the Philippines Diliman Department of Psychology affirms that getting used to the national flag is always a challenge among Filipinos.

"It is hard to say that our flag is less significant to Filipinos today than in the past, especially because of the big difference in context," says Yacat, who also teaches Filipino Psychology.

"Considering that our flag emerged from a revolutionary past and was brought about by a struggle for independence, it naturally has a very rich meaning, which we get to learn in school. But there is a danger that we get used to all this now, resulting in a mechanical way of respecting our flag," Yacat says.

"This is one of the reasons why it is easier to get in touch with one's cultural identity when one is abroad or among foreigners," he adds.

"The good thing is that while Filipinos are not that showy about it, our cultural identity is always at the back of our minds, only needed to be reactivated by national symbols such as the flag," Yacat explains.

Yacat also points out that unlike some Westerners who would even have undergarments designed after their flag, Filipinos generally have high respect for the flag, conscious of its right use.

"I guess to keep our love for the flag alive in us and avoid falling into the routine of flag ceremonies in schools and offices, it will help to always remind ourselves of its significance and our rich history," says Yacat.

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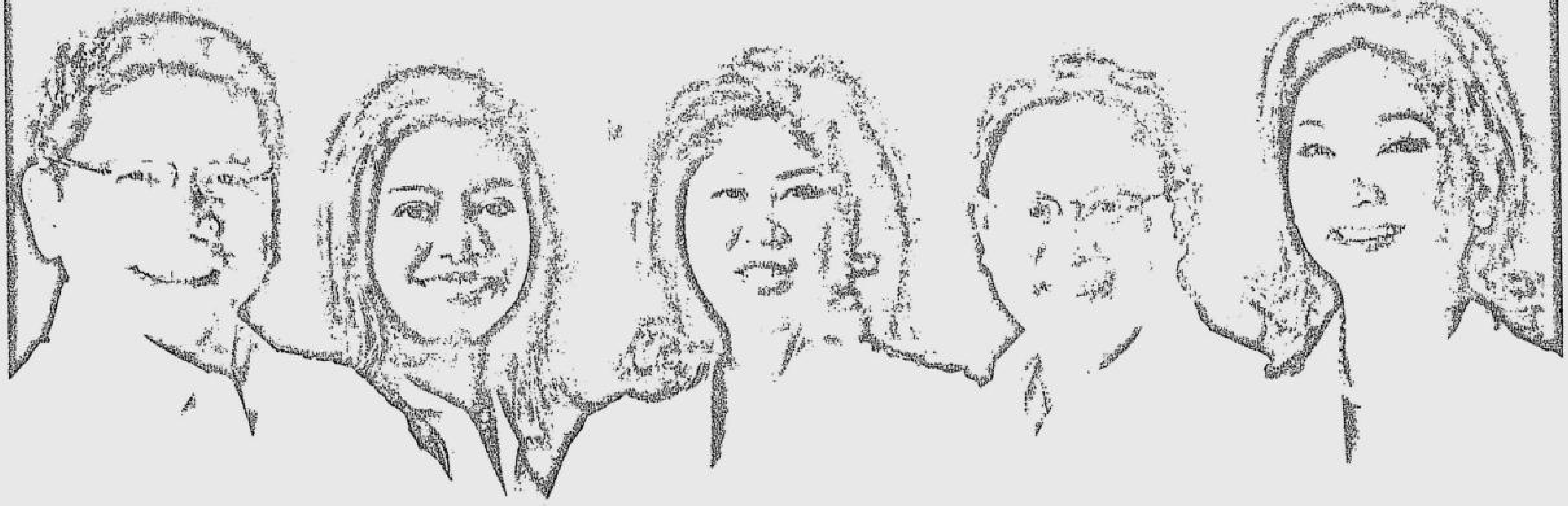

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The lie

EDITORIAL

EVEN AS SOME ADMINISTRATION ALLIES HAVE already put the Senate race behind them, others, especially those who have poured a lot of resources into the campaign and are within striking distance of the winners' circle, are redoubling their efforts.

They know that the vote in Lanao del Sur could very well be their last chance to make it to the Senate. Officially, both Malacañang and its senatorial campaign coalition Team Unity are upbeat, even sanguine, about their chances. They both say that the scramble for the last three or four Senate slots boils down to machinery.

In their view, the Arroyo administration enjoys an enormous advantage: the politics of addition. Most of the thousands of candidates who ran for office on May 14 were Malacañang's allies; it is this grass-roots network, Team Unity's not-so-secret weapon, that will spell the difference in the Senate race.

In their view, the flood of surveys which submerged a Senate slate already weighed down by an unpopular Executive is, well, all wet. It is machinery, and the command votes at the machinery's disposal, that will compensate for the dismal survey ratings of, say, Chavit Singson or Cesar Montano or Mike Defensor, or earn Miguel Zubiri or Prospero Pichay a come-from-behind victory.

In their view, once the machinery gets going, the command votes would come rushing in. Neither Malacañang nor Team Unity could have been referring to the Iglesia ni Cristo or El Shaddai vote, because these two politically engaged religious groups (the second a renewal movement within the Catholic church) split their endorsements rather diplomatically. Thus, they must have been referring to the networks and resources of local officials and candidates.

In their view, the networks and resources of local officials and candidates in certain areas—think Maguindanao province—would swamp the opposition with command votes and even lead to a 12-0 sweep of the Senate race.

What is the critical factor behind these command votes? Their answer: The political influence of local officials.

Thus, you have Team Unity's deputy spokesman, Tonypet Albano, and the President's election lawyer, Romulo Macalintal, taking both ABS-CBN and GMA networks to task, for running an allegedly Metro Manila-centric media count. Take account of the voting in the provinces, they said, because that's where our machinery is.

But wait. Aren't most of the mayors in Metro Manila already allied with Malacañang and supportive of Team Unity? Didn't the administration coalition's triumphalistic (and revisionist) full-page advertisement the other day trumpet the victory, among many others, of nine administration-allied mayors in Metro Manila? Let's see: Sonny Belmonte of Lakas, in Quezon City; Recom Echiverri of Lakas, in Caloocan; Ben-Hur Abalos of Lakas, in Mandaluyong; Marides Fernando of Lakas, in Marikina; Bobby Eusebio of Kampi, in Pasig; Jun Bernabe of Lakas, in Parañaque; Freddie Tinga of Lakas, in Taguig; Sherwin Gatchalian of the NPC, in Valenzuela; Tito Oreta of Lakas, in Malabon.

By the administration's own logic, and Team Unity's too, the local machinery in Metro Manila, or at least in these nine cities or municipalities, should have guaranteed a victory for their candidates. By their own logic, Metro Manila should not be the opposition bailiwick they say it is.

And yet the results are clear: when it came to the Senate race, more voters in Metro Manila favored the Genuine Opposition than Team Unity.

By the administration's own logic, and Team Unity's too, the local machinery in, say, Camarines Sur, where the four congressional winners are all administration candidates (Dato Arroyo and Louie Villafuerte among them), should have delivered more votes for the administration's Senate candidates. But aside from Joker Arroyo, a Bicolano, the list of the top Senate vote-getters looks very familiar indeed: The opposition dominates.

The notion, therefore, that special areas exist in the country, isolated from public opinion and impervious to national trends, is a mirage. The assertion that local machinery will spell the difference for the administration's Senate candidates is a lie. Unless, of course, what they really mean by machinery is election fraud at the local level, away from prying eyes.

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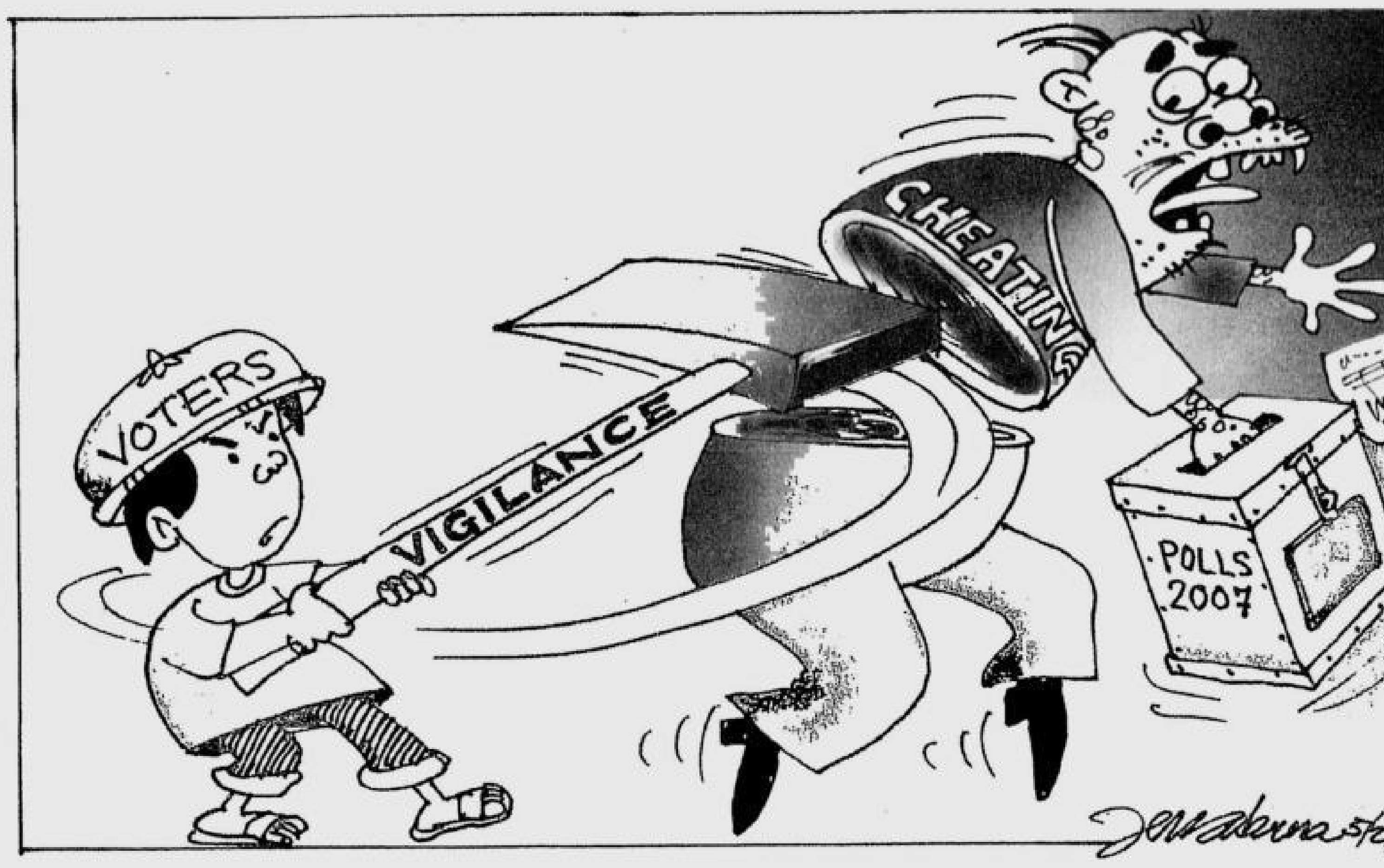

A vacancy already in the incoming Senate

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

WITH THE ELECTION OF SEN. ALFREDO LIM as the next mayor of Manila, his position in the Senate will be vacated for the next three years of his unexpired term. This means that the Senate will be incomplete during that period, with only the other 23 members continuing in office. It is unlikely and clearly impractical to call a nation-wide election to fill that just one vacancy although there will be a serious but unintentional non-compliance with the constitutional requirement. The Senate is supposed to be composed of 24 members elected at-large.

In the past, special elections to fill vacancies not caused by the expiration of the term of the outgoing senators were called by law and held simultaneously with the regular elections. The voters chose not only the 12 regular senators for the next six years but a 13th senator as well for the three-year term not vacated by its expiration. Among those elected to the Senate in this manner was Rep. Wenceslao Rancap Lagumbay, whom I specially remember because we were classmates in the MLQ College of Law before he became a good legislator. The government did not incur additional expense to include him in the general elections.

Such special elections could be called because the vacancies caused by other than the expiration of the term occurred before the dates set for the regular elections. But Lim will lose his Senate seat only when he takes (or resumes) his new position in Manila on June 30 or later. Before May 14, his Senate seat was not yet vacant for which a special election to fill it could be scheduled. If this could be done in his case, similar action would have been taken to fill the prospective vacancy in Lito Lapid's seat that he retained in the Senate while campaigning for mayor of Makati.

Full membership in the Senate is important because of its expected role as a tempering and correcting influence on the House of Representatives with its relatively inferior qualifications and its submissiveness to Malacañang. That influence is still recognized although some dolts have also lowered the quality of the Senate. At any rate, it is critically important now to maintain the independence and superior credentials of the Senate as a check against the alliance of the lower House and President Macapagal-Arroyo. Moreover, the Senate will need at least two-thirds of its members to convict and remove GMA if one-third in the House of Representatives can be persuaded to impeach her.

In light of these events and observations, I have a controversial but justifiable suggestion. In addition to the 12 senatorial candidates to be proclaimed as winners for the regular six-year term, the Commission on Elections should also proclaim the candidate who will obtain the 13th place as the winner for the three-year term not served by Senator Lim.

I know that this was not provided for by law because there was no vacancy in the Senate before the elections on May 14; it could arguably have been done but that is in the past and any debate on the measure is now academic only. Nevertheless, I submit that such a step may be taken now, to be validated later by a curative law if necessary, to correct an otherwise irremediable vacancy in the Senate for the next three years. The added virtue of this proposal would be its conformity to the will of the electorate as freely, spontaneously and inexpensively expressed in the ballot.

Giving the unexpired three-year term to the candidate who placed 13th in the senatorial race would not only be fair and economical but also avoid another divisive political campaign for just one solitary seat with the 23 others in the Senate. The Constitution envisioned that chamber with a full complement of 24 members, and its deliberate reduction by mere statute would be unconstitutional. So too, I submit, would a failure to correct its incompleteness, such as by the process I suggest that should be presumed as constitutional unless the Supreme Court disagrees.

While we are considering this matter, let me reiterate my argument that the repeal of Sec. 67 of the Omnibus Election Code by Sec. 14 of the Fair Election Act is invalid for being a mere "rider" in violation of Art. VI, Sec. 26(1) of the Constitution providing that "every bill passed by the Congress shall embrace only one subject which shall be expressed in the title thereof." The Fair Election Act deals only with political advertising, like TV commercials and election posters. It has nothing to do with forfeiture of original offices upon the filing of certificates of candidacy for different offices as provided for in Sec. 67.

If this view is sustained by the Supreme Court, Senator Lapid will be considered as having also forfeited his Senate seat when he ran for mayor of Makati. The 14th placer among the senatorial candidates this year should then also be proclaimed, to fill the vacancy created by Lapid's defeat.

Wake up!

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY IS TOLD ABOUT A PARISH priest who dropped by a catechism class one Sunday. Wanting to impress him, the catechist asked: "Now children, tell me why it is so important to be quiet when Father is preaching." All the children chorused: "Because the people are sleeping!"

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In today's Gospel (Jn. 20, 19-23), the Lord empowers His disciples with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Today is Pentecost Sunday. The presence and the power of the Holy Spirit should wake up people who are sleeping. Judging from the last elections, it seems that a lot of people in our country are asleep or pretending to be asleep.

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Why is it that when we need the Holy Spirit most, we seem to fold up and refuse His entry? When tempted, we are supposed to pray for His strength. When troubled, we are supposed to ask for His enlightenment. When confused, we are supposed to pray for His guidance. In the last elections, how many candidates prayed for the Holy Spirit's strength, enlightenment and guidance? How many even allowed the Lord to come into the picture at all?

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"Those who do not love me do not keep my word." For all who profess they love God, the bottom line is keeping His word, in season, and out of season. The real test is being faithful to God and His commandments in whatever circumstances we find ourselves in. When God asks us to be faithful in very tempting and luring situations, we cannot say, "*Ibang usapan na ito* (This is a different story)." There is only one story—being faithful and truthful to God, all the time.

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The Lord has given us an advocate, a helper, a comforter. Who/what is your helper and comforter in this life? As long as you rely on the riches and the powers of this world, you cannot know what living in God means. As we grow older, I hope we also grow wiser in the realization that God's grace is greater than all our human achievements, and that what we have in our hands is far less than what we have in our hearts. May we also find comfort in the reality that God's forgiveness far exceeds our sins and shortcomings.

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Lean not on people for they come and go. Lean not on material things for they too are fleeting. Lean on God for He is good and constant. What are you building up in this world? If you are not busy building up a solid relationship with God, then you are missing the point, you are missing a lot and you are building on sand.

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Start leaning on the Spirit by praying "Come Holy Spirit" whenever you are tempted, whenever you are troubled, angry, or confused. Leaning on the Spirit means giving time and room for the Holy Spirit to take over our hearts and minds so that God's will will be done. Whatever situation you are in right now, start praying and surrendering everything to God's will by continuously praying, "Come Holy Spirit! Come Holy Spirit!"

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As a nation, we urgently need to pray, "Come Holy Spirit!" We need redemption and sanctification. We have gone so low in our morals and there seems to be a growing apathy as to whether goodness and truthfulness are still possible and worthwhile in our present society. Worse, the evildoers have become so bold and even proud. We need the power of the Holy Spirit to melt our hard hearts, to purify our scheming minds and to cleanse our dirty hands.

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To those who ran in the elections and found themselves waking up in the morning either as victors or losers, please pray "Come Holy Spirit." For those who lost, may the Holy Spirit lead you to peace and to acceptance of the fact that there must be a reason for whatever happens, and that there is a plan still up ahead. For those who won, all the more should they pray to the Spirit to become humble and obedient servants so that they can truly and effectively serve.

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For us, the people who were run over in the last elections, we too should pray to the Spirit for guidance and strength. Our discernment in the Spirit should lead us to ask questions like: Were the elections truthful? Were the elections fair? Did the elections build goodwill? Were the elections beneficial to the people? In other words, we must not be afraid to raise the question on whether the system is still working for us, and if not, what should be.

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Let the Spirit lead us to hope. In whatever mess we may find ourselves in, there is always the message that God is in control, and that goodness and truth will triumph in the end. God will raise up again and again, from among His people, prophets who will proclaim His kingdom of peace and righteousness. As He raised Among Ed in Pampanga, He will raise more prophets in our land.

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May 31 is the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Mother. With Mary, let us continue to proclaim: "He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly" as He has, yes He will.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, wake us up from our sleep and disturb us out of our comfort zones. Amen.

Mediation: a useful tool to unclog dockets

WITH DUE RESPECT

Artemio V. Panganiban

AT PRESENT, THE LESS THAN 2,000 INCUMBENT judges are saddled with about a million pending cases. This means that, on the average, each judge has to shepherd over 500 litigations, a horrendous task by any standard. Moreover, the loads are not uniformly distributed; some judges have as many as 6,000 cases while others have a more manageable 200.

Alternatives to litigations. Despite best efforts, the case congestion worsens every day due mainly to the avalanche of new filings. Besides, the rendition of a judgment by a lower court may not necessarily reduce the total backlog. It may merely mean a shift of the burden to an appellate court.

To move the wheels of justice faster, the Supreme Court, via the on-going Action Program for Judicial Reform (APJR), is undertaking several measures, like getting more judges appointed, making them work harder, computerizing the judicial system, streamlining the Rules of Court, and promoting the use of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) methods. Today, I will focus on mediation. Next week, I will take up arbitration, another ADR of choice; and at some other time, "out-of-court" mediation.

A full-blown litigation has many disadvantages. It is tedious, time-consuming, stressful, expensive, and often ends up in broken relationships and permanent animosities. Instead of healing controversies, judgments sometimes inflict deeper social wounds and engender vengeance as well as new cycles of violence.

Win-win solutions. On the other hand, mediation solves disputes speedily, conveniently, peacefully and less expensively. Being less confrontational, it conforms to the Filipino way of ending problems sans loss of face. It produces "win-win" solutions. Since it is conducted diplomatically by professional mediators, it can even improve relationships among the parties after the problem is solved. It may be used prior to, or concurrent with, an actual court litigation.

Mediation is not a newly-minted technique. It is as old as civilization itself. In the past, however, it has been frowned upon by the judicial establishment on the theory that it ousts the courts of their jurisdiction. But now, the e-age trend is to welcome all methods to end disputes speedily and conveniently so the judiciary can focus on public interest cases that can neither be mediated nor compromised.

To test the effectiveness of mediation, the Supreme Court asked the Philippine Judicial Academy (Philja) in early 2001 to train initially about 400 mediators. After finishing their training, the mediators worked on actual cases pending in the National Capital Region, Cebu and Davao. Voila! In less than two weeks, they were able to settle 80 percent of the 1,000 cases referred to them, some of which were more than 10 years old!

The Supreme Court was so impressed with this pilot program that it institutionalized court-annexed/referred mediation as a tool for decongesting court dockets. It mandated the Philja to prepare a curriculum to educate mediators and it established the Philippine Mediation Center (PMC), with units all over the country, as their home. A mediation fee is now collected for every new case filed. And all new cases, with the exception of the "non-mediatable" ones, are subjected to mandatory mediation as an essential part of the pretrial proceedings.

Second phase of court-annexed mediation. If the mediation is unsuccessful, the pretrial will then proceed. However, a "phase two" mediation, called "Judicial Dispute Resolution" or JDR for short, has been successfully piloted in the San Fernando (Pampanga) and Bacolod regional trial courts (RTCs). Here, the pretrial judge (to be called the JDR judge) tries to resurrect the failed process conducted by the professional mediators. This is an innovation proposed by the National Judicial Institute of Canada.

Using their moral ascendancy, the previously-trained JDR judges act as "conciliators" and reconcile the differences of the parties. The JDR judges may also take the role of "neutral evaluators" and make non-binding assessments of the parties' claims and arguments. If the JDR judges still fail to persuade the parties to settle, the case is then re-raffled to a new judge for trial and judgment. The JDR judge is prohibited from discussing with the new trial judge anything taken up during the failed mediation. And any offer or admission made during the JDR is not admissible in evidence during the trial. A knowledgeable JDR pioneer is Executive Judge Adelaida Ala-Medina of the San Fernando RTC.

A new profession. Mediation has become a new profession. Court-annexed mediators are now screened and trained professionally by the Philja. After passing an internship program, they are accredited by the Supreme Court. Mediators need not be lawyers, but they are required to have a four-year bachelor's degree. Like attorneys, they are deemed "officers of the courts."

I was so convinced about the need for ADRs to solve our festering backlog problem that, prior to my retirement as chief justice, I convened a two-day "National Conference on Court-annexed ADR Mechanisms" on Nov. 27-28, 2006. During this confab, which was funded by the United States Agency for International Development and The Asia Foundation, court-annexed mediation was singled out for some amazing results. For instance, of the 35,223 cases mediated from 2002 to October 2006, about 24,983 were settled, translating to a 71 percent success rate!

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Subverting legislation

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

IT MAY ALL BE WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE BY now, but there's something disturbing about the threat issued by the Philippine Hospital Association of the Philippines (PHAP), composed of private hospitals across the country, that its members would stage a "hospital holiday" to protest the passage and implementation of the "Patients' Illegal Detention Act."

As discussed in news stories and columns, RA 9439 would penalize hospitals that would detain patients who could not pay their bills; or that would hold on to the remains of a patient unless the family paid the expenses in full. The hospital association had argued during the committee meetings, and even after enactment, that passage of the law would drive many of them to bankruptcy. But with the law's passage and pending the crafting of the implementing rules and regulations, the hospital owners apparently felt the time for talking had ended, and what they couldn't accomplish by argument, they could by coercion.

This is disturbing. The intricate process of legislation—drafting the bills, holding separate public committee hearings, debating the measure in committee and on the floor—was precisely conceived to allow for everyone who could possibly be affected by the proposed law to let their voices be heard and thus guide the lawmakers on what to include in or exclude from the final version.

In theory, during the process of deliberation, all lobbyists and interest groups stand on equal footing, with ample time and opportunity to hold forth on their support for or reservations about a proposed bill. It is also up to them to search for their own supporters among the members of the House of Representatives and the Senate. This also explains why it sometimes takes a decade to pass a law, as a bill is refined, debated, tweaked and turned topsy-turvy with the inception of every new session of Congress.

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IN REALITY, though, the process of lobbying is influenced by many factors, not the least of which is the amount of cash and, uhmm, incentives that an interest group might be willing to shell out. There is as well the public opinion support that an issue or a pending bill enjoys, especially the amount of media mileage it gets.

It stands to reason that if a bill captures the imagination of the populace, perhaps through the influence of the media, perhaps through sheer charisma of the sponsor, then it enjoys greater chances of being passed by Congress, with legislators eager to cash in on the publicity bonanza.

As a group, the PHAP certainly cannot be described as disadvantaged. With a bill like this posing a threat to the survival of member-hospitals, I'm sure the association and its wealthier members saw a generous lobbying budget as simply a wise investment. And I'm sure their lobbyists and media relations people weren't shy about putting forward the association's views and influencing the public on them.

On the other hand, who could speak for the charity patients, who are the primary beneficiaries of the law? Since the law affects private hospitals, the Department of Health could only have had a tangential interest and influence in its passage. True, the law appeals to the populist instincts of politicians and the sense of entitlement that many citizens carry around. But I seriously doubt an organized effort to counter the PHAP's influence could have been mounted.

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AND yet, marvel of marvels, the measure has been signed into law.

The threatened "hospital holiday" strikes me, therefore, as a tantrum being thrown by a group of health entrepreneurs who enjoyed every chance given them to influence the legislative process (I bet they had something to do with the law's being limited to charity patients) and then, failing to get all that they wanted, threatened to deprive the public of health services.

What did they hope to accomplish by issuing the threat? Were they still hoping that Congress and Malacañang would rescind the new law? Or were they using it as a bargain chip to win softer terms and conditions in the IRR?

For sure, the PHAP is not alone in threatening "extralegal" or "extra-parliamentary" actions in the face of adverse laws. Transport and labor groups, for instance, have used strikes as effective means to get concessions from Congress or local governments.

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LEGISLATION is not a perfect process, for sure. Many times, the culture of horse-trading and alliance-building can obscure the need for transparency, while proceedings in the so-called "third chamber"—which is what some have dubbed the bicameral conference committee for the penchant of legislators to insert provisions that were not in the originals passed by both chambers—can be downright undemocratic.

But the reason we chose (by referendum) a bicameral Congress and to abide by a system of representative democracy is that, despite its weaknesses, this system still worked best for us. Why then continually subvert the process by threatening "hospital holidays," transport strikes, boycotts, or having Catholic bishops summon legislators to exert spiritual pressure on them?

There is another means, by the way, to influence legislation in favor of one interest group or another. Some sectors of society have decided that if their lobbying efforts, conducted as outsiders begging for the attention of legislators, are continually being ignored, then they might as well become legislators themselves. This is why many party-list groups are composed, not of "marginalized" sectors or those holding a particular ideological position, but of special economic, social and even religious interests. The definition of rightful party-list groups is still, unfortunately, amorphous, with the Comelec hard put to explain why they accredited one group and not another.

What Among Ed's victory means

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

PAMPANGA'S PRIDE TODAY IS NO LONGER Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, who, for a growing number of Filipinos, represents everything that is decadent in Philippine politics. It is its newly elected governor, the priest, Fr. Eddie T. Panlilio, whose campaign for the governorship against Ms Arroyo's two well-funded candidates brought out the passionate volunteerism of Pampanga's young professionals, entrepreneurs and students. Their euphoria is understandable: Among Ed's victory signifies the recovery of Kapampangan self-esteem from the lowest levels to which it had sunk under the successive leadership of corrupt politicians.

Ms Arroyo has been ominously quiet about the defeat of her gubernatorial bets in her own province. It is possible she doesn't quite know yet when and how to reach out to this quiet priest who had crushed two of her most loyal political allies. Or maybe she doesn't wish to hurt her friends, Baby and Bong Pineda, who must still be smarting from their stunning defeat.

But being the clever politician that she is, Ms Arroyo will surely find a way to minimize the fallout from the rejection of her candidates in Pampanga. She will not allow Among Ed's triumph to be represented as a rejection of her own leadership. For indeed, she can always point to the successful bid of her eldest son, re-elected Rep. Mikey Arroyo of the second district, as an affirmation of her continuing influence on the politics of the province. Mikey was virtually unopposed in his bid. Moreover, Among Ed's campaign stayed away from the national issues that have been raised against Ms Arroyo's administration.

The gubernatorial outcome in Pampanga is certainly a bright ray of hope in an otherwise relentlessly gloomy political sky. But we cannot exaggerate its importance to national politics. It can lead to something new, or it can remain just another flash in the pan; a proof of what middle-class militancy can do, but also a reminder that the politics of reform does not end with the installation of a new leader. Baby Pineda, Mark Lapid and Mikey Arroyo—like Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo herself—are not themselves the enemy. The enemy is the entrenched political system that allows money to purchase public office and to corrupt every institution of governance. It is this that needs to be brought down.

We can rail against the immorality of this system and demonize the people who run it, but there is no way to overthrow it other than from within politics itself—by the painstaking process of organizing citizens for long-term political engagement and governance. This means harnessing, and going beyond, the energy of people power movements. It means building an informed and self-reliant public, recruiting a new breed of political leaders and professional administrators into government service, and forming new stable political vehicles as alternatives to the obsolete patronage networks that have long dominated the nation's political life.

There is every reason to hope that the new governor, with the help of advisers on local governance, can succeed in setting up a modern administrative system that is adequately insulated from short-term political interests. Demonstrating the power of exemplary behavior, he may even be able to tame the rapacious inclinations of local politicians who invested a lot of money to win public office. The impact of all this on revenue generation and delivery of basic services is immediately felt.

But can these reforms survive beyond the term of a solitary party-less governor? Yes—but only if the reform impulse that thrust Among Ed into this unlikely role is stabilized and organized. If this happens, the amorphous movement of volunteers that made the breakthrough possible may evolve into a broad-based reform constituency from which future leaders can be recruited. That is how a new political party takes shape. This political task, beyond governance itself, is not as easy as it may seem. It is cumulative, unceasing, latent and often shadowy—in contrast to the dramatic and heroic moments that mark actual campaigns. The skills it requires are of a different sort.

Reluctant individuals, drawn into politics by extraordinary circumstances, may often choose to stand above the cesspool of politics, hoping to preserve their purity. They usually end up being overwhelmed by politics, unable to grasp its imperatives or to live with the imperfect choices it presents. Potent and inspiring as political symbols, they however fail to establish enduring legacies. In Max Weber's sense, they are too good for politics. In a famous essay, Weber wrote: "Only he has a calling for politics who is sure that he shall not crumble when the world from his point of view is too stupid or too base for what he wants to offer."

There is a strong undercurrent in our political life that is pushing the rest of our society toward modernity. But it has been unable to gather enough force to produce a wave of such intensity as to sweep the dysfunctional structures that have hobbled us. Among Ed's triumph is a small version of the same phenomenon that brought the Marcos regime to its dramatic end in 1986. Like Cory Aquino in Edsa I, this soft-spoken priest was the only one who could have tapped that current in Pampanga in 2007. Every thoughtful Filipino knows this is not where it should end. For this reform current to grow into a swell, it must be tracked down and activated at its deepest level—among the poor, who have been the most vulnerable victims of money politics.

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A nation fights back

COMMENTARY

Minguita Padilla, MD

THE STAGE WAS SET, THE AGENTS OF DARKNESS WITH their vote-shavers had been strategically deployed, the grotesque machine that worked so well in the past to thwart the people's will was again brought out and oiled; and even before the voting began, it was all over save for the tainted canvassing. Or so they thought.

A gross miscalculation, one brought about by blind arrogance. This is what the Arroyo administration, Benjamin Abalos and the seasoned Comelec "operators" trained in the dark art and science of election fraud in the "School of Garci" committed. Even months before the midterm elections, all the signs of the planned cheating were there for all to see. Many writers have documented these in the weeks past, but some are still worth mentioning. From reports of stolen election returns which were nonchalantly dismissed by the Comelec chair as "nothing to worry about," to the blatant attempts on the part of Abalos to hide the nominees of the party lists, to the brazen sabotage of Alan Cayetano's candidacy and the insane pronouncements of "Justice" Secretary Raul Gonzalez that he was giving away money as "incentive" to village chiefs whose barangays could give the Team Unity slate a 12-0 victory—the list was enough to make one physically sick with disgust.

While we had hoped our fears would be proven wrong, the entire country, and much of the world, now know that the wholesale cheating that went on—and is still going on—during this last election, is the worst, most brazen, that we have ever seen. And our people's will would again have been tossed aside and trampled were it not for the fact that we decided to fight back. And because of this, we have turned a potential nightmare into a strong and formidable battle cry. We have had enough of rotten elections, of being insulted again and again, of being taken for fools and idiots! Abalos and company had better take heed. But so should the politicians who cannot see the writing on the wall. The political winds are changing, and those politicians who remain oblivious to this are already dinosaurs in our midst.

More than 10 days have passed since election day, and the winning senatorial slate is proving to be an accurate reflection of our people's will. The 8-2-2 turnout is a clear protest against an administration that is viewed as corrupt to the bone and abusive—this despite its well-touted "economic gains." Our people's voice has been expressed—no help though from our Comelec that shamelessly indulged in public back-patting as early as Day One, when all around was disenfranchisement and literally murder and mayhem. Our people's will is being heard **in spite** of the Comelec and the agents of darkness. Credit must go to all the people's groups, the watchdogs, the media, the candidates who brought morality back to politics, regardless of whether they won or lost, and even to those who simply stayed home and prayed that light might prevail over darkness.

We are fighting back, and the fight will not end when the winners of this present election shall have been all proclaimed. We must see to it that such an immoral election process does not happen again, and the only way this can happen is if those responsible for the fiasco, which we had to guard against, will be held accountable. Again it all boils down to **accountability**.

We cannot expect our jaded politicians to demand this. Many of them, if not most of them, while cursing the system, are so entrenched in the murky waters of dirty politics that they cannot see beyond the next election. In fairness to many, they wish things could be different, but they are too tired to even try. Therefore, while we will rally behind those political leaders who will seriously demand accountability, it is we, the people, who must really make sure it is achieved; not just from election officials, but from those who ordered the tampering of election returns. It is a tiring process no doubt, but our country is in a very important transition. We must also demand computerized elections under a Comelec composed of men and women of unquestionable integrity. Our people are climbing to a level of political maturity never yet seen before, and so we must persevere in this effort. It is the only way we can hope to finally have an electoral system where the Comelec is viewed as an ally and not as the **enemy** of our will.

The race for 2010 has already begun. The jockeying for positions, the horse-trading, all the internal maneuverings of realpolitik have been set in motion. Our leaders, both in and outside government, must not forget that even more important than protecting interests for the next election, we must consider upholding the welfare of the next generation. We must lay the foundation for building a country where true peace and progress can have a chance, the kind of progress that seeps down to the lowest level of our social structure. All this must start with credible and honest elections we can be proud of as a people. The perpetrators of this wholesale election fraud must therefore be held accountable, never mind that they were found out and stopped in their tracks.

The results of the last elections have shown that our people are now looking for leaders with credentials, with education and with principles. The politics of celebrity is fading. Come 2010, the politics of vision and conviction will play a much bigger role for a citizenry already fed up with empty rhetoric, a people tired of having to look toward other countries for a chance at a future for themselves and their families. We must make sure that such an enlightened citizenry will have their voices heard.

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THEY SAID

Unsavory and wanting

"It is not enough that the Armed Forces say they do not have anything to do (with the kidnapping). They should really look at who really abducted (Jonas). What leaves a bad taste in the mouth is that peaceful reformers are being abducted. They are not armed rebels, they are not waging an armed struggle."

—Sen. Joker Arroyo on the kidnapping of Jonas Burgos

To the rescue

"The people of France have chosen change. Those who have been broken, those who have been worn down by life, must know they have not been abandoned, that they will be helped, they will be rescued."

—Newly elected French President Nicolas Sarkozy in his victory speech

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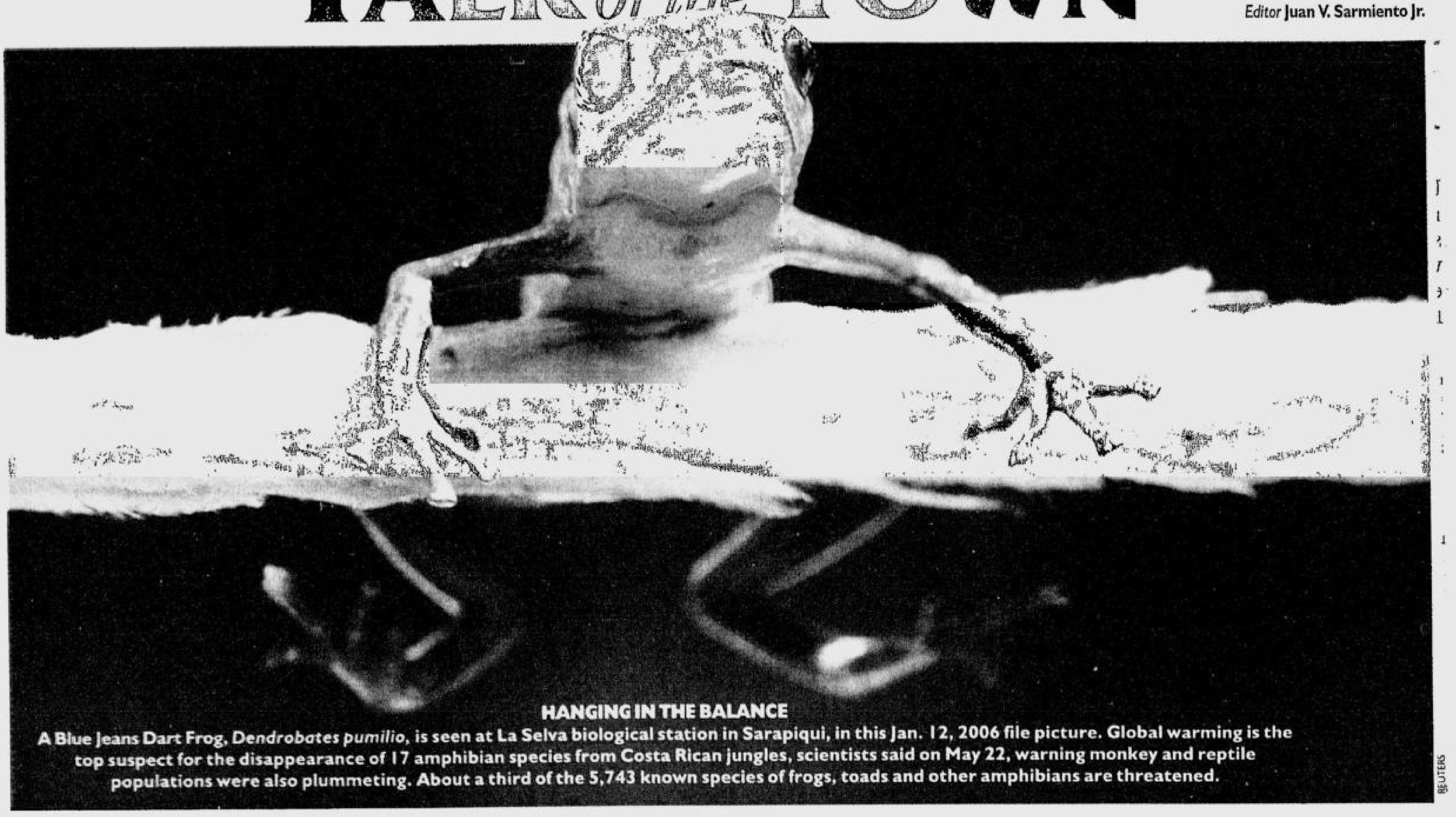

HANGING IN THE BALANCE

A Blue Jeans Dart Frog, *Dendrobates pumilio*, is seen at La Selva biological station in Sarapiqui, in this Jan. 12, 2006 file picture. Global warming is the top suspect for the disappearance of 17 amphibian species from Costa Rican jungles, scientists said on May 22, warning monkey and reptile populations were also plummeting. About a third of the 5,743 known species of frogs, toads and other amphibians are threatened.

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Clinton climate initiative

ONE OF THE MEASURES THAT CAN HELP MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE IS MAKING BUILDINGS efficient, the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change said in its report on May 4. The IPCC said upgrading old and inefficient buildings could considerably reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, the main greenhouse gas that causes global warming.

Buildings account for more than half of greenhouse-gas emissions in newer urban areas and more than 70 percent in older cities. In New York, for instance, it is estimated that electricity, natural gas, fuel oil and steam consumed by buildings represent 79 percent of the city's total count of heat-trapping gases.

To address the problem, 16 major cities on six continents, five global banks and four energy service companies announced an initiative in New York on May 16 to modernize aging buildings.

Under the **Energy Efficiency Building Retrofit Program** developed through the William J. Clinton Foundation, ABN AMRO, Citigroup, Deutsche Bank, JP Morgan Chase and UBS would provide up to $1 billion each to cities and private landowners to upgrade old buildings.

The program plans to initiate projects like replacing heating, cooling and lighting systems with energy-efficient networks; making roofs white or reflective to deflect more of the sun's heat; sealing windows and installing new models that let more light in and keep the elements out; and setting up sensors to control more efficient use of lights and air-conditioning.

Retrofitted buildings could see a 20 to 50-percent reduction in energy use, former US President Bill Clinton said.

The loans and interest would be paid back with savings from reduced energy costs.

To ensure the savings, Honeywell, Johnson Controls Inc., Siemens and Trane will conduct energy audits of the buildings, complete the upgrade and guarantee the energy savings. If the expected savings are not realized, the companies will pay the difference, according to the foundation.

London Mayor Ken Livingstone described the program as the biggest single step yet taken in tackling climate change.

With a report from AP

Q. What is the Clinton Climate Initiative?

A. The Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI) is a project of the Clinton Foundation that is dedicated to making a difference in the fight against climate change in practical, measurable and significant ways. Its aim is to initiate programs that directly result in substantial reductions in greenhouse gas emissions around the world.

Q. What is the C40?

A. The C40 is an association of large cities that have pledged to accelerate their efforts to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions and provide global leadership in this arena. CCI is serving as the exclusive implementing partner to the C40.

Q. What is the Energy Efficiency Building Retrofit Program?

A. The Clinton Climate Initiative announced on May 16 in New York, the first of many programs that will make energy-saving products and services easier, cheaper and faster to deploy.

Four of the largest energy service companies (Escos) in the world have agreed to do audits of municipal and large private buildings in participating cities, to identify opportunities to make them more energy efficient, and to guarantee the energy savings that will come from retrofit projects that they manage.

Five major global banks have committed $1 billion each to finance cities and private building owners to perform these retrofits at no net cost, with paybacks for the loans plus interest coming from the energy savings over several years.

Sixteen cities will be the first to participate in the Energy Efficiency Building Retrofit Program and will put up their own buildings for retrofit, streamline requirements, and provide incentives for private building owners to do the same. With technical assistance from CCI, the US Green Building Council, the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers and Escos, they also may initiate programs to train local workers on the installation and maintenance of energy-saving products.

Q. How will the building retrofit program affect climate change?

A. The Energy Efficiency Building Retrofit Program will result in significant and measurable reductions in energy consumption and in the heat-trapping greenhouse-gas emissions that further climate change, while lowering energy bills for major cities and private building owners.

Buildings account for over half of urban greenhouse gas emissions and, in older cities such as New York and London, this figure can be more than 70 percent. These building retrofits can reduce energy use by 20 to 50 percent in existing buildings, which comprise the bulk of the building stock in cities. Thus, retrofits of existing buildings play a crucial role in helping to reduce energy use and emissions from buildings in cities.

Q. Why focus on existing buildings as opposed to new buildings?

A. A number of progressive cities have already enacted policies, including green building codes and standards that reduce energy use and greenhouse-gas emissions in new buildings.

CCI will help share these best practices with partner cities through its information network as well as provide expert technical assistance to help cities green their building codes and standards.

Existing buildings in most cities are responsible for almost all greenhouse gas emissions from buildings and nothing is currently being done on a significant scale to improve energy efficiency in existing ones. This will be the first large-scale, global program that will address the larger problem of energy use in existing buildings.

Q. Aren't cities already doing building retrofit projects?

A. While some cities are already doing building retrofit work, these are typically small in scale. In the United States, where a market for energy efficiency retrofits for municipal buildings and infrastructure has existed for 25 years, less than 1 percent of the potential market is being tapped.

Retrofit programs are even less common in the European Union and Japan, and they hardly exist in the rest of the world. The Energy Efficiency Building Retrofit Program represents a significant opportunity to catalyze the development of this market. We will more than double the existing global market in our cities alone with the financial commitments made by the five global banks.

Q. What does the building retrofit program do for cities?

A. As part of the program, both the cities and private building owners are able to borrow the necessary funds to make building retrofit investments and to pay back the loans using the initial energy savings that will be achieved. Practically, this means the retrofits can be financed by bringing forward the future income streams that will arise from energy savings, rather than by requiring upfront payments from capital budgets or increases in operating budgets.

Cities and building owners will start to realize part of the cost savings of reduced energy use early on, and once the loans for the retrofits are paid off, they will realize the entirety of the savings.

Q. Why have the CEOs of major energy service companies and banks agreed to participate in the program?

A. The program will double the size of the market for energy service companies within the next 18 months and will ensure significant additional growth in subsequent years.

The program will significantly reduce their cost of doing business by streamlining approval processes, shortening project lifecycles, concentrating on target cities, staging projects, and reducing the cost of the energy-efficient and clean-energy products used in the retrofits.

As for the banks, the market for building retrofit work will be large and profitable, and participating banks will lend their voice to the development of a new international financial market for this activity. CCI's financial institution partners will gain market share and credibility from their early perspective on pricing of this market's risk and reward.

Q. Will participation be limited to the companies and banks announced on May 16?

A. It will be a priority to also engage local banks and companies in identifying those who will be invited to contribute to the funding pool and in expanding the list of products and services used in upgrading the buildings. The guidance of the partner cities will be critical in engaging local banks, Escos and contractors who can strengthen CCI efforts.

Q. What is the nature of the financing available to participating cities?

A. The exact nature of the financing available will be developed over the coming months by these corporate partners together with CCI and partner cities. It will be designed to achieve reductions in energy use of 20-50 percent from existing baselines with no capital investment or net additional operating budget required by cities or private building owners.

The financing structure is being designed to allow any provider of finance the ability to engage, and in the medium term to allow this market to be securitized to facilitate reductions in the cost of finance.

Q. How will the program affect existing procurement and tendering rules?

A. The Energy Efficiency Building Retrofit Program will be consistent with, and work within, city procurement and tendering rules. Our aim is to develop this market quickly and to deliver increased levels of service to cities, not to set up preferential deals.

Q. How long does it take to do a building retrofit project? What is the payback period?

A. This varies significantly. For a single building, it can take a few months to complete a project, while an order for a number of large buildings can take a few years to complete.

CCI hopes to meaningfully cut this time by standardizing forms and processes to secure permits, financing and arrangements with product suppliers.

Also, because of the large number of orders that CCI is staging in cities, Escos will be able to scale up their capacity to operate more efficiently. The typical payback period varies significantly and can range from 3-4 years for smaller projects to 7-10 years for larger projects.

Q. Can other cities join the program?

A. At present, CCI is focused on providing programmatic support to the C40. However, other cities throughout the world will be welcome to join CCI's broader purchasing consortium for energy-saving and clean-energy products as well as the information network that CCI will be building. CCI will provide the public with more information about these opportunities once they have been established.

Q. How will emission reductions be measured?

A. CCI is developing common measurement tools that will allow cities to establish a baseline of their greenhouse-gas emissions and to forecast and compare outcomes of their emission reduction programs. CCI will deploy these tools and initiate data collection systems in partner cities, which will allow it to measure the effectiveness of the various projects that it helps implement.

Source: ClintonFoundation.org

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PPCRV exec disgusted over Isabela polls

ILAGAN, ISABELA—THE CHAIR OF THE PARISH Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting in Isabela said the conduct of the elections in the province was far from the standards set by the group, citing election-related irregularities and incidents of alleged fraud.

"It is disgusting to note that aside from the suspended proclamation of the winner for governor, the campaign period was marked by blatant vote-buying," said Fr. Antonio Ancheta, PPCRV Isabela chair.

The proclamation of reelectionist Gov. Maria Gracia Cielo Padaca has been stalled after the camp of her rival, former Gov. Benjamin Dy, asked for the exclusion of allegedly questionable election returns from Ilagan and Tumauini towns in the official canvass.

The questioned returns were taken to the Commission on Elections in Manila.

Ancheta said the 2007 elections in the province, like previous elections, had failed to satisfy the requirements of being clean, honest, accurate, meaningful and peaceful.

He said the PPCRV received reports that even some village chiefs, who were supposed to be nonpartisan, had threatened villagers and forced them to vote for candidates they were supporting.

He said the placement of the province under Comelec control during this year's election period resulted in the massive deployment of Army soldiers, even in urban areas where violence was "unlikely to occur."

Ancheta, however, said there were some "bright spots" in the May 14 elections.

FORMER Gov. Benjamin Dy files his certificate of candidacy before election supervisor Michael Valdez in Ilagan, Isabela. INQUIRER PHOTO

ISABELA Gov. Grace Padaca attends a meeting in Echague, Isabela.
MELVIN GASCON/INQUIRER NORTHERN LUZON

He said this year's polls were relatively peaceful, unlike the 2004 elections where the town halls of Jones and San Mariano were burned and incidents of ballot box snatching were reported.

In a statement, Bayan Muna Rep. Satur Ocampo said the delay in the proclamation of Padaca was a "deliberate scheme" of Malacañang and Dy "to buy ample time to rig the election results to favor Dy."

"Governor Padaca enjoys a clear lead over her rival despite the nine [towns] being purported by the Dy camp as fraught with irregularities, to justify the petition for a declaration of failure of elections," said Ocampo.

"Padaca's resounding victory in 2004 was a bitter pill which the Arroyo government had to swallow and the Dys could not accept to swallow again," he added.

Ocampo said Bayan Muna has supported Padaca in the 2004 and 2007 elections "on the ground that she shares the politics of change being advocated by our party."

"We have closely worked with her in pushing for lasting reforms to uplift the lives of the poor and marginalized," he said.

In the province's fourth district, incumbent Rep. Anthony Miranda has protested the proclamation of former Rep. Giorgidi Aggabao as the winner in the congressional race.

Miranda asked the Comelec to declare a failure of elections in the towns of Echague, Jones and San Agustin, saying he was a victim of a "grand conspiracy" of communist rebels and his rival to unseat him.

Citing affidavits of his witnesses, Miranda said New People's Army rebels wrote village chiefs in the towns and threatened them that they would be harmed if they would campaign for him.

Aggabao, however, dismissed Miranda's statements and said he would not seek support from communist rebels.

In Baguio City, media people who established the "Media Watch," a desk that monitored election-related irregularities, said indirect vote buying was used in courting votes in the city.

Arthur Allad-iw, convenor of Media Watch, said politicians did not buy votes using money but through the distribution of insurance cards and the holding of medical and dental missions.

"If we want to ensure clean and honest elections in the future, there should be an intensive monitoring to catch candidates who buy votes and file cases against them," he said. *Villamor Visaya Jr. with a report from Desiree Caluza, Inquirer Northern Luzon*

1st woman gov of Masbate to fight poverty

BOBBY Q. LABALAN/INQUIRER SOUTHERN LUZON

KHO

MASBATE CITY—TOUTED AS THE "dragon slayer" by her province mates after she defeated incumbent Rep. Emilio Espinosa, the patriarch of the powerful Espinosa clan in the gubernatorial race, Elisa Olga Kho, the first woman governor of the province, said fighting poverty would be the most daunting task she has to tackle when she assumes office on June 30.

Masbate is the second poorest province in the country with about 80 percent of its residents living below poverty line, Kho said.

Married to incumbent Gov. Antonio Kho since 1995, the newly elected governor brims with optimism that Masbate could still move forward.

She said she had first-hand experience of the extreme poverty of many Masbateños during the campaign period.

In her first interview since getting elected, Kho told the INQUIRER that a vast majority of her province mates still live in shanties with only corn and grated coconut as food.

In one instance during her campaign sorties, the governor said, she went into one of the shanties and saw that the house also doubled as a sty.

"And they had been living like that for so long now, *nakakaawa talaga*," she said woefully.

Kho said she will immediately call to a meeting all provincial government department heads upon her assumption to office to get a picture of the entire situation and make an assessment.

The woman governor said she plans to form small-group associations in every barangay and let them undergo livelihood trainings.

Once these small groups make a headway in their livelihood programs, these associations could be expanded to include other barangay residents.

The focus of the training would depend on the existing raw materials in each barangay that could be processed, she explained.

Masbate has abundant natural resources, among them excellent-quality beef that could be processed instead of being sold raw, Kho said.

She said the provincial government would assist the groups in fund sourcing and marketing to ensure them markets for their products.

"We will guide them, spoonfeed them, if necessary, just to ensure that they will succeed in their endeavor," Kho said.

Kho hopes to bank on tourism, especially considering Masbate's beaches, which, she said, were comparable to Boracay.

Kho admitted that her entry into the political arena was farthest from her dreams.

"I finished medicine and I was happy with my profession," she stressed.

In 1998, she ran for Congress against Representative Espinosa but failed in her three attempts.

A pulmonary specialist, Kho explained that her entry in politics was just to help her husband and the province, saying it became so hard for her husband to push for the province's development with all the three congressmen working against him.

The province's three districts were held by the Espinosas and their allies.

But with her as governor and her husband as congressman of the second district, Kho said they could now pool their efforts to at least cause some improvements in the lives of their constituents.

She extended the hands of reconciliation with the Espinosas and urged them to set aside politics and join hands in addressing the plight of the Masbateños.

"Our people are now so tired of violent politics so it is incumbent upon us to give them good services in return," said Kho, a mother of two kids, ages 11 and 10.

Masbate was the only province placed under Commission on Elections control in the Bicol region during the recent elections.

Kho said violent politics plus bad publicity produced an undesirable image for the province which scared off the public, including potential investors. *Bobby Q. Labalan, Inquirer Southern Luzon*

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Calatagan resort's dredging activities stopped

CALATAGAN, BATANGAS—ALLEGING that the resort's dredging activities might cause siltation that could affect marine life, the Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council (MFARMC) has ordered the developers of Playa Calatagan, a residential beach resort, to temporarily stop its excavation along the seashore of Barangay Sta. Ana here.

Playa Calatagan is a mixed-use leisure-commercial-residential development project of Landco Pacific Corp. in a 92.3-hectare land at the said barangay.

The project, which involves the construction of subdivision, clubhouse, beach walk, parks and other commercial and recreational facilities, obtained an environmental compliance certificate from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources on Oct. 27, 2005.

An MFARMC official, however, claimed that based on the council's marine protected area survey conducted at Pagapas Bay and South China Sea, Landco had been dredging the shoreline, which is prohibited under the Municipal Fisheries Code.

The survey was conducted on April 29.

"They cannot dredge the area because it is a public domain, meaning it is owned by the public," Jessie de los Reyes, Calatagan MFARMC chair, told the INQUIRER.

He added that the group also found out that Playa Calatagan had been dredging the area to build a drainage system to serve as a catch basin for rain waters, but the drainage is allegedly directed to the sea.

The MFARMC official expressed fears that these activities might cause siltation to spread in the coastal waters, destroying sea grass beds and coral reefs, driving away fish from their habitat.

"What we are only after is to reduce the level of siltation and that it won't affect the coral reefs and sea grass beds in the area," De los Reyes said.

Siltation is the accumulation of finely divided soil and rock particles upon the bottom of stream and river beds and reservoirs.

Livelihood

De los Reyes likewise warned that a destroyed coral reef usually takes 30-35 years to recover and without them, there would be no more fish in the sea.

When this happens, he said, the livelihood of at least 3,000 families in the town might suffer.

These families usually earn from the sale of fish, sea shells, sea cucumber, star fish, sea urchins and other marine creatures.

At least 19 of 25 barangays in Calatagan are coastal areas.

Calatagan, a third class municipality in Batangas popular for white-sand beach resorts, has been declared a marine reserve by virtue of Municipal Ordinance 08-92.

De los Reyes likewise proposed before Landco that a silting pond be integrated in the project's internal drainage system, to prevent silt and rain waters from accumulating in the sea.

He further alleged that Landco violated an ECC provision, after it failed to form a multipartite monitoring team "within 60 days after the issuance of ECC through a memorandum of agreement."

No violation

Batangas Penro officer Maximo Soriano has confirmed De los Reyes' claim that Landco had not yet formed a multipartite monitoring team in Playa Calatagan within the period stipulated by the ECC.

"It is because the MMT formation is ongoing and is already scheduled. Landco officials said they were only busy with their projects in Nasugbu, but the formation will follow hopefully by June," he said.

Soriano said Landco did not violate any ECC provision in their dredging activities at the site.

"Excavation is not large-scale and it is part of their environmental management plan. Dredging is not prohibited if you're doing it just to remove the silt deposit in the area. But if you would only dredge the area (without purpose), then it is," he said.

The DENR official said they were supporting Calatagan MFARMC's proposal of integrating a silting pond in the project design.

The INQUIRER tried to get in touch with Joseph Garcia, Playa Calatagan technical supervisor, but he was not answering phone calls.

The minutes of the May 8 meeting with MFARMC, a copy of which was furnished the INQUIRER, quoted Garcia as saying that Playa Calatagan would be studying the council's proposal. *Marlon Alexander Luistro, Inquirer Southern Luzon*

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Lanao polls: Looking thru the numbers

By Ryan D. Rosauro
Marawi City

APART FROM POINTING TO THE USUAL hitches, anomalies and controversies surrounding elections in Lanao del Sur, including its component city of Marawi, poll monitors are worried about the meteoric rise in the number of registered voters between 2004 and 2007.

This is the principal reason they are saying the May 14 balloting is flawed from the very start. From only 275,572 voters in 2004, Lanao del Sur now has 396,722 voters, or an increase of 43.9 percent. This has dwarfed Northern Mindanao region's mere four-percent hike in voting population between 2004 and 2007.

YEAR	REGISTERED VOTERS			
	Lanao del Sur		Marawi City	
	No. of Voters	Increase	No. of Voters	Increase
2004	275,572	--	37,231	--
2007	396,722	121,150	56,476	19,245

Was there a confluence of major demographic events—the coming into voting age of so many Maranao youngsters and the resettlement in the province of already voting population—for the past three years, so that its voting population grew by 121,150?

A look at the basic numbers could give leads to this mystery.

Data from the National Statistics Office (NSO) shows a decrease in the population of Lanao del Sur between 1975 and 1980, as documented in the 1980 census.

An official explanation for the decrease is the mass evacuation of residents as a result of armed conflict.

Based on the figures, the province lost almost a fifth of its population in five years. Incidentally, these years also marked the expansion of Maranao migrant communities in the cities of Iligan, Ozamiz, Oroquieta and even Dipolog.

During the period of relative normalcy beginning in 1986, the post-Edsa 1 years, people began to return to their villages, which sparked a large increase in the population.

The Ramos' appeasement years with Moro rebels brought some stability to the lives of Maranao people, and so with the province's demography.

Growth years

It can be said then that the period between 1990 and 2000 are the "natural boom years" for its population, coming out of decades of a cycle of dislocation and relocation because of the secessionist war.

The period between 1980 and 1990 showed the highest rate of population increase for both Lanao del Sur and Marawi City. The "re-settlement" of communities as former evacuees return to their old villages could have a large influence on this trend.

And this can have implications on the number of registered voters in the years that followed.

A look into the statistics of registered voters for both Lanao del Sur and Marawi City for the periods 2004 and 2007 showed staggering increases: 43.9 percent and 51.7 percent, respectively.

Under the present election laws, a Filipino citizen who is at least 18 years old on an election date can vote. Those turning 18 years old on May 14 and duly registered as voter can cast a ballot.

Therefore, a child born today can become an eligible voter 18 years from now.

As such, the increase in Lanao del Sur and Marawi's number of registered voters between 2004 and 2007 can be traced 18 years back, or 1987 for 2005, 1988 for 2006, and 1989 for 2007.

But in 1989, those born only from Jan. 1 to May 14, or the first four and a half months of the year are eligible. Add those who were born May 11, 1986, to Dec. 31, 1986, some seven and a half months period, who were not yet eligible to vote on May 10, 2004, but subsequently qualified in the next election. In all, that is 36 months from May 11, 1986, to May 14, 1989.

Based on the computed population growth rate of the province, 15,802 individuals were added to Lanao del Sur's population every year between 1980 and 1990. That is an average of 1,317 per month. Within the same period, 3,729 individuals are added to Marawi City's population annually, or an average of 311 per month.

Assuming such hike in the people count is wholly from net birth count, new voters for the May 14 midterm polls born between May 11, 1986, to May 14, 1989, are as follows: Lanao del Sur, 47,412; and Marawi City, 11,196. This is arrived at by multiplying 36 months with the average monthly growth in population count.

This is only theoretical as the actual voter registrants from among the new eligible voters can be lower as a result of disinterest or simply a failure to register.

Where are the others?

The difference between the actual voters increase and the projected growth based on population figures is 73,738 for Lanao del Sur, and 8,049 for Marawi city.

Where are they? Where have they come from?

A possibility could be that among the new voters are adult migrants who are eligible to vote as they settled in Lanao del Sur and Marawi.

Another possibility is that among the new voters are individuals who became eligible to vote even prior to the 2004 or 2007 elections, but have only decided to register now.

Probing the viability of these possible explanations and identifying more is best left to experts in sociology, demography, statistics, and related fields.

In tinkering with the matter, it would help to consider added factors. One is that despite the increase by tens of thousands in the number of voters, thousands of others have been delisted from the voter's roll in their usual precincts.

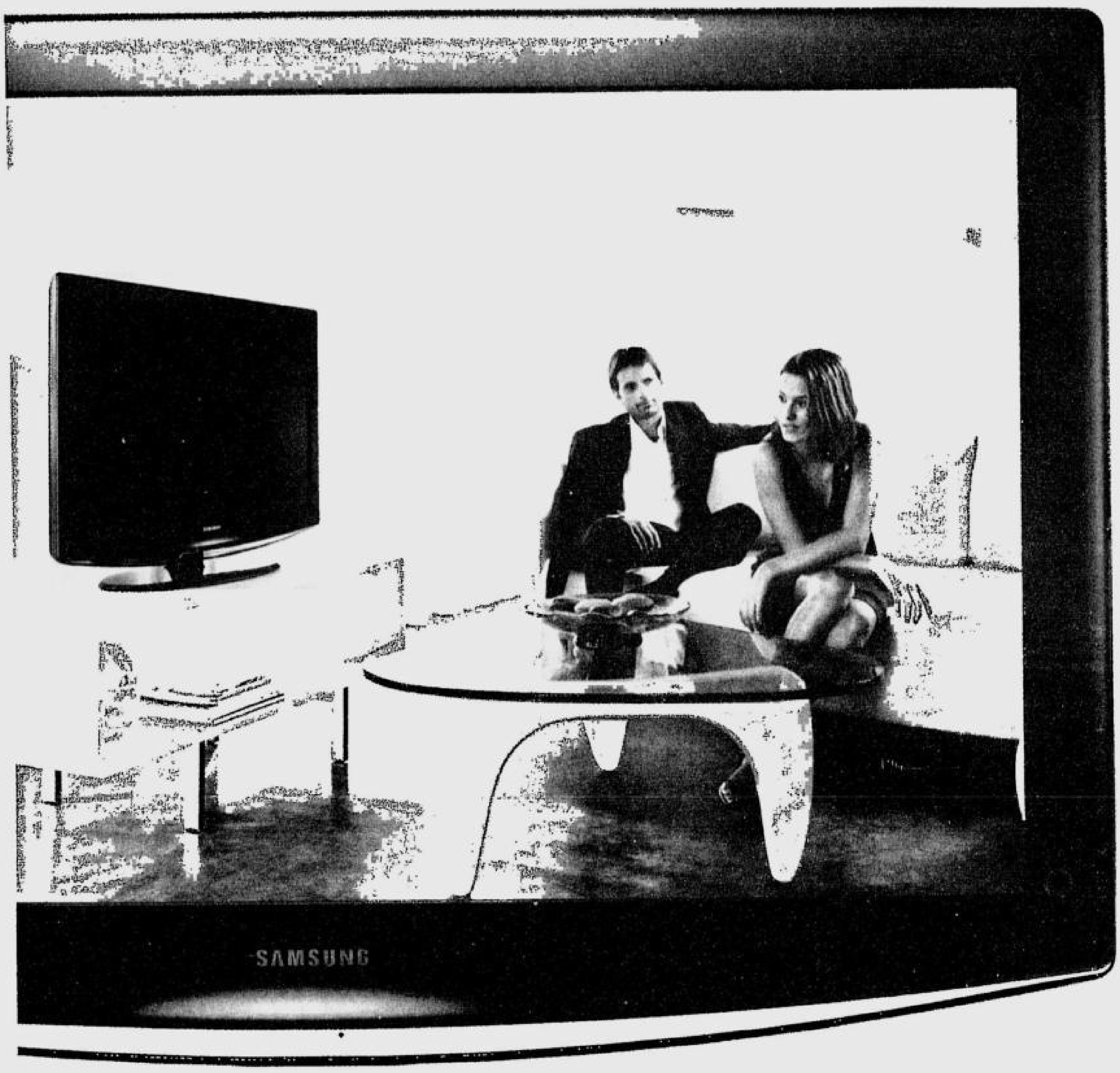
Have their names been deleted, and if so, was there a corresponding deduction made in the number of registered voters? Or could it be that their names were just transferred to a precinct unknown to them, which they cannot locate, and so making it possible for somebody else to vote for them?

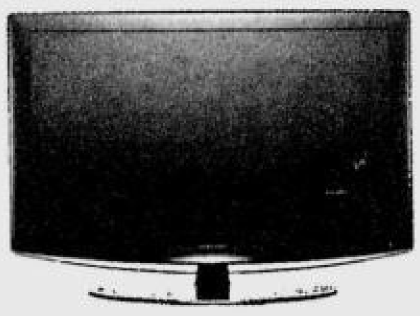
It is worth noting the truckloads of non-Maranao people coming from Iligan city and neighboring areas brought to Marawi and Lanao del Sur towns on May 14.

Is Comelec now allowing nonresident voters in Lanao del Sur? Because they claimed their ballots without so many hitches, their names are surely in the voter's roll.

Finally, it could be that the basic thesis put forward by election monitors, the "meteoric rise" in the number of registered voters between 2004 and 2007, is not mysterious after all, and therefore not the real question.

The voter increase could be justified: That the Maranao people were not as much interested in exercising their right of suffrage then as now. But are they letting other warm bodies do the voting for them?





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Rebel leaders vow to unseat party head

By Carla P. Gomez
Inquirer Visayas

TALISAY CITY, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL—Top officials and commanders of the Rebolusyonaryong Partido ng Manggagawa-Pilipinas and its Revolutionary Proletarian Army-Alex Boncayao Brigade, Friday vowed to unseat Nilo de la Cruz as party chair at a nationwide congress they will hold soon.

They said they represent three-fourth's of the party, a claim that De la Cruz disputed.

The 12 party leaders and its armed wing, who gathered in a remote area here, were led by Stephen Paduano, alias Carapali Lualhati, national RPA-ABB commander; Veronica Tabara, alias "Inca," RPM-P secretary general; and Ariel Sabandar, alias "Suk," RPM-P Mindanao head.

Paduano said his group was composed of two-thirds of the RPM-P/RPA-ABB representing their forces in Negros Island, Antique, Aklan, Cebu, Bohol and Mindanao, with De la Cruz having control only over the Luzon group and part of Iloilo.

Early this week, De la Cruz announced that Paduano, Tabara and Sabandar, who are members of the 19-man RPM-P central committee, had been expelled from the party in a plenum held last month.

Criminal

Paduano was accused of criminal activities, including turning his troops into guns-for-hire for politicians; Tabara was accused of misappropriating funds, including money provided to the communist faction by the government under the 2000 peace agreement, and Sabandar for sowing intrigues within the ranks.

The expelled rebels leaders, however, insisted that De la Cruz and his cohorts could not expel them through a plenum, as it could only be done by convening the party congress.

Tabara said the statements of De la Cruz and John Laña alias Carlos Magtanggol on their expulsion were false, malicious and a misrepresentation of the organization.

The special plenum called by De la Cruz to expel them did not have the mandate of the whole RPM-P/RPA-ABB, she said.

She said De la Cruz apparently preempted his own expulsion because party members at the provincial levels had earlier declared total loss of confidence on him as chair and had resolved to establish a new leadership without him.

"The matter is to be voted upon in a party congress this year, so to preempt the move, De la Cruz announced [our] expulsion," she said.

The move of De la Cruz, she said, also sabotages the peace agreement of the party with the government.

Tabara and Paduano represent the RPM-P in the Joint Enforcement Monitoring Committee with the government tasked with monitoring compliance of the peace agreement by both sides.

She said the provincial party conferences and committees have upheld and given her and Paduano the mandate to sustain their group's commitment to the peace agreement with the government.

She said the party's provincial leaderships wanted to severe ties with De la Cruz after they learned of his "personal fund-raising activities"—such as the attempted slay of Batangas Gov. Armand Sanchez in July last year and the burning of an ABS-CBN van.

Ka Victorino Sululong, RPA-ABB spokesperson, in a statement read at the press conference said their forces still recognize Paduano as their national commander who has full control of their military forces.

He called the announced expulsion of Paduano, Tabara and Sabandar by De la Cruz as a usurpation of authority.

Impostor spokesman

He also said Carlos Magtanggol was an impostor spokesman of the RPA-ABB.

Sabandar, in a statement that he said was signed by the leading cadres of Mindanao, also declared loss of confidence on De la Cruz and support for the group of Paduano and Tabara.

He said De la Cruz was waging a one-man rule that has destroyed democracy within the party and should be investigated for the crimes he has committed.

Others present at the press conference yesterday identified themselves as Ka Mayok, Ka Revo and Ka Bren of Panay Island, Ka Rex of Negros Occidental, Ka Arnel and Rey Mallari of Negros Oriental, and Jun Montero, RPM-P spokesperson.

Paduano said that in the last central committee meeting of the party in October, De la Cruz agreed to relinquish his post as party chair but asked to retain the title until their congress this year.

De la Cruz, meanwhile, disputed Paduano's claim that he has control over majority of the RPA-ABB forces.

"They only have a relative number of forces on their side in Negros, two individuals each in Mindanao and Aklan and one in Antique. How can he (Paduano) compare that to the whole of Luzon, the National Capital Region, Panay, Mindanao and Bohol?" De la Cruz asked.

'Bin Laden' casts vote

MASIU, LANAO DEL Norte—The man who banked on being a look-alike of Osama bin Laden finally voted yesterday morning.

Bearded Aga-Khan Mangondato Sharief, a 35-year-old Muslim peace activist, is a major contender for the five provincial board seats, which is being contested by 41 candidates.

On May 14, Sharief went to his assigned precinct only to be told by residents that there was no election.

AGA-KHAN Mangondato Sharief votes in Lanao.

RICHEL UMEL/INQUIRER MINDANAO

Sharief said he would stay in Masiu to monitor the counting and ensure there will be no cheating.

Despite being an independent candidate, Sharief is confident about winning because of his track record, being a former councilor and vice mayor of Masiu town.

And thanks to Bin Laden nickname, he is immediately recognized by voters.

Sharief's Bin Laden tag happened rather incidentally.

He said that sometime in 2002, he was among the seven Maranao civil society leaders invited to a meeting in Iligan City with President Macapagal-Arroyo and several national government officials.

As they winded up business, Sharief asked the President to pose with them for a posterity photo, during which, an aide jested she will be photographed along with Bin Laden.

The nickname stuck and his colleagues who joined the meeting with the President started calling him by that name.

Sharief's beard, the defining feature that earned him the Bin Laden tag, is a mark of his being a *tabligh* (a Muslim missionary).

Tablighs emulate the life and works of Maulana Muhammad Ilyas Kandhalawi, a Muslim cleric who started a movement to revive Islam in India in the 1920s.

Sharief began his "religious journey" when he was 17.

In 1995, he cut short his law studies at the Manuel L. Quezon University to run for councilor in Masiu and won. He became the vice mayor of the town in 1998.

He runs his family-owned Philippine Muslim Teachers College. From the school's earnings, he sets aside a fund to support two Islamic-Arabic schools offering free instruction. His family also supports orphaned children to school.

He is chair of the local monitoring team in Lanao del Sur, a body tasked to oversee the implementation of the ceasefire agreement between the national government and MILF.

Through this, he has helped diffuse local tension that could flare up into full-scale violence. *Ryan D. Rosauro with a report from Richel Umel, Inquirer Mindanao*

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MORE WINNERS PROCLAIMED

Pangasinan has 16 new mayors

EVEN AS SOME AREAS HAVE continuing protests over the results of the May 14 elections, the Commission on Elections proclaimed more winners in Pangasinan, Albay, Laguna and Negros.

Sixteen new mayors, including two former Philippine National Police officials, have been elected in different Pangasinan towns and cities on May 14, records from the Comelec showed.

Former PNP Special Action Force chief Marcelo Navarro Jr. was elected mayor of Bani town while retired Deputy Director General Reynaldo Velasco was elected mayor of Sta. Barbara.

Navarro, who retired last year, belonged to the Philippine Military Academy Class of 1972 while Velasco belonged to the PMA Class of 1971.

Pangasinan has 44 towns and four cities.

Of the 16 new mayors, five defeated incumbent mayors, who ran for reelection. They were Arthur Cabantac who defeated Mayor Leticia Rosete of Agno; Noel Nacar who beat Mayor Angelita Jimenez of Dasol; Carlitos Reyes who will replace Mayor Ariel de Guzman of Mabini; Ernesto Balolong who beat Mayor Abelardo Arambulo of Urbiztondo; and Antonio Abalos who beat Mayor Gregorio Tabayoyong of Laoac.

Two reelected mayors will also have their sons as vice mayors and one will have his brother as vice mayor.

Binalonan Mayor Ramon Guico Jr., president of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines, ran and won with his son, Ramon Guico III as his vice mayor.

San Manuel Mayor Salvador Perez was reelected with his son, Alain Jerico Perez, as his vice mayor.

Julier Resuello won as San Carlos City mayor with his brother, Joseres, as vice mayor. Joseres replaced his father, Mayor Julian Resuello, who was shot dead on April 28 at the city plaza. The elder Resuello was a candidate for vice mayor.

Other new mayors are former Immigration Commissioner Alipio Fernandez Jr. (Dagupan City), former Pangasinan Rep. Teodoro Cruz (Mangatarem), Ricardo Camacho (Bayambang), Armando Domantay (Malasiqui), Emma Chan (Pozorrubio), Carlos Lopez Sr. (Asingan), Clark Cecil Tiu (San Quintin) and Carmen Cojuangco (Sison).

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Albay

Mayor Noel Rosal was finally proclaimed as reelected mayor of Legazpi City on Monday with 41,103 votes over his rival Michael Imperial who got 35,535 votes.

Imperial filed 135 petitions during the canvassing, all questioning the authenticity of elections returns.

The canvassing resumed after all the petitions of Imperial were dismissed by the Board of Canvassers.

Imperial's camp also filed a petition against the alleged illegal proceedings of the BoC when it did not allow them to present documents that would support their claims of irregularities in the canvassing.

The BoC dismissed the petition for being "moot and academic," stating that the noncompliance of the BoC to the prescribed canvassing procedure was not illegal if it was meant to protect the canvassing from unnecessary delays as much as possible (Paragraph A, Sec. 243 of the Omnibus Election Code).

Rosal's camp criticized Gregorio Larrazabal, Comelec regional director, for intervening with the affairs of the BoC due to its unsolicited decision to suspend the BoC's session on Sunday.

Former presidential chief of staff and Albay third district Rep. Joey Salceda was also proclaimed governor by the Comelec at 3:30 a.m., Tuesday at the session hall of the Albay provincial capitol.

Laguna

In Calauan, Laguna, the voters decided that this was not yet the time for the family of convicted ex-mayor Antonio Brion Sanchez to stage a comeback.

Official Comelec results showed that reelectionist Mayor Buenafrido T. Berris of Lakas-CMD received 10,770 votes while Allan Jun V. Sanchez, eldest son of Sanchez, got 7,354 votes.

When Berris first ran for the mayoral position, he ended the Sanchezes' dominance of 49 years in Calauan politics.

Allan Jun was a town councilor for three terms.

Other members of the Sanchez family and kin, however, still enjoy support from Calaueños.

Newcomer Allan Antonio V. Sanchez II, second son of the detained Sanchez, won a seat in the town council.

Negros

In Dumaguete City, the provincial board of canvassers on Friday proclaimed Josy Limkaichong (Lakas-CMD) as the winner in the congressional race in the first district of Negros Oriental.

The proclamation of Limkaichong was based on Comelec Resolution No. 1862 issued May 18 that said there would be no more suspension of proclamations due to filed cases, said acting provincial election supervisor Eddie Aba.

Aba made the proclamation shortly after he arrived from Manila Friday afternoon.

Aba said the resolution sets aside the joint resolution the Comelec had issued on May 17, which prevented Limkaichong's proclamation and nullified her candidacy because she was not a natural-born Filipino citizen.

Limkaichong, who expressed happiness over her proclamation, called on former Rep. Jerome Paras and Olive Paras, the wife of outgoing Rep. Jacinto Paras to allow her to do her work.

But Congressman Paras continued to protest Limkaichong's proclamation, which he said was illegal and in violation of due process because the issue of disqualification must be settled first.

He also noted that the Comelec en banc did not issue an order for Limkaichong's proclamation.

Paras said his lawyers have filed a motion with manifestation clarifying resolution 1862, which the provincial Comelec office has received, and another motion asking Comelec to nullify Limkaichong's proclamation.

In Negros Occidental, Valladolid Mayor Ricardo Presbitero has asked the municipal board of canvassers to reconsider its May 17 ruling denying Presbitero's motion for the suspension of the canvassing of votes and the proclamation of candidates for local positions. *Gabriel Cardinoza, Inquirer Northern Luzon; Ephraim Aguilar, Romulo Ponte, Inquirer Southern Luzon; Alex Pal and Carla P. Gomez, Inquirer Visayas*

DENR hit for not implementing log ban

LUCENA CITY—A CHURCH-backed environmentalist group has assailed the lackadaisical implementation by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the "total log ban" policy despite its declaration by no less than President Macapagal-Arroyo right after the 2004 flash floods and landslide in northern Quezon.

In an open letter addressed to President Arroyo and the Filipino people, the Task Force Sierra Madre (TFSM) based in Infanta, Quezon, recalled how the President immediately declared a total log ban in the whole country after the Nov. 29, 2004 tragedy in northern Quezon that left thousands of people dead and millions of properties destroyed.

"But we are saddened because despite our earnest effort to support your declaration of total log ban policy, DENR has never implemented it seriously," Fr. Pete Montallana, TFSM chair, said in the letter dated May 11, a copy of which was furnished the INQUIRER.

The TFSM asked President Arroyo to order a thorough investigation on the malfeasance of local DENR officials in northern Quezon.

Recommendation

The group also recommended that while the probe is being conducted, a preventive suspension be issued against suspected DENR personnel to avoid undue influence in the conduct of the investigation.

Montallana noted that they immediately formed the Metro Reina Multi Stakeholders Forest Management Council (FMC)—composed of the DENR, local governments of Real, Infanta and General Nakar (Reina), Church people, nongovernment and people's organizations, military and other stakeholders to support President Arroyo's total log ban order.

"The target of this FMC for one year has been that there be no cutting/no movement of timber outside Metro Reina, except finished products from drifted logs/fallen trees which passed the scrutiny of the council," the priest stressed in the letter.

However, Montallana said that two months ago, they realized after so many experiences that DENR had been more interested in defending loggers and people in the wood industry than the people.

Incidents

The TFSM head cited several incidents detailing alleged questionable acts by local DENR personnel that included anomalous bidding of confiscated forest products, useless DENR checkpoints, and loss of seized hot logs.

According to Montallana, the DENR has also indefinitely postponed the meetings with the members of the "fact-finding team" created by Environment Secretary Angelo Reyes on Nov. 15 last year to investigate the continuous illegal logging activities in the Sierra Madre.

The TFSM leader also questioned the DENR approval of the transit to Metro Manila of 15 ten-wheeler trucks of firewood in a matter of eight days in September last year but without the signature of the requesting party.

In another instance, Montallana recalled the military apprehended a van containing 1,928 board feet of assorted diphterocarp species.

He noted that the "certificate of transport agreement" given by DENR disclosed that the 182 pieces were semi-finished products but when members of FMC inspected the lumber, they discovered that there were freshly cut lumber inside.

In the adjudication hearing report to DENR-Southern Tagalog, the local environment officials recommended the release of the apprehended items but deliberately did not mention that freshly cut lumber were also found inside the van.

On April 24, 2006, the military intercepted 102 pieces of narra and yakal but were later certified by DENR personnel based in Polilio island that the timber were parts of the retrieved/uprooted trees from mainland northern Quezon towns that were just drifted to the island.

Yakal

Montallana argued that narra and yakal species were impossible to be drifted.

"They submerged in water because their specific gravities are much denser than water," he explained.

"And, more so, Reina is separated by Lamon Bay by about 22 km from the municipality of Panukulan in Polilio island," the priest added.

The TFSM leader also lambasted the alleged inaction of the local DENR personnel on their reports about continuous timber poaching in several mountain villages of General Nakar.

"We have stopped reporting because it is futile. Logging will surely stop when Sierra Madre in Quezon would be as bald as in Tanay," Montallana lamented.

Three DENR-Quezon chiefs have all been sacked due to failure to stop illegal logging in Sierra Madre. *Delfin T. Mallari Jr., Inquirer Southern Luzon*

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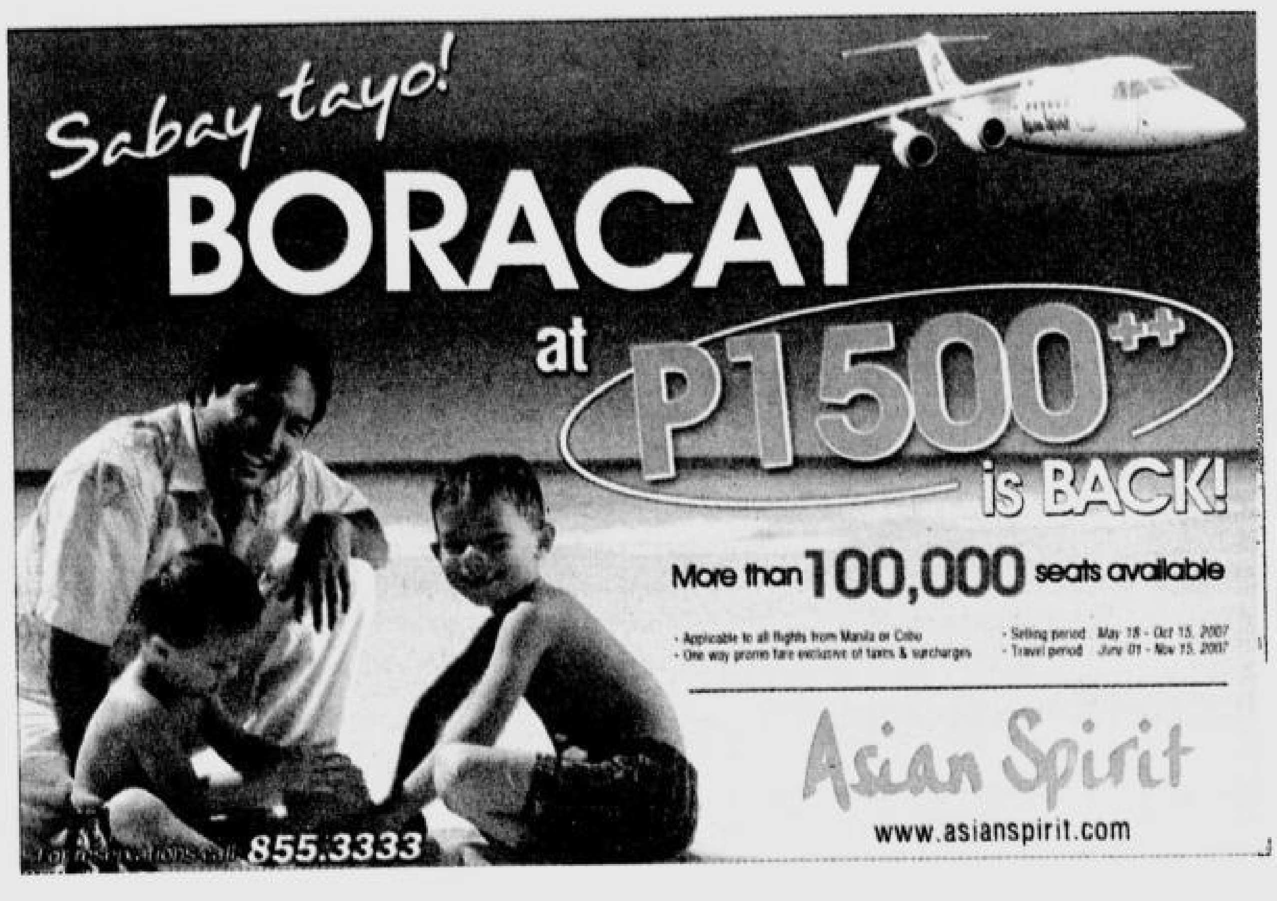

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First time

The INQUIRER visited the Quezon City eSkwela at the Telecommunications Building on Roces Avenue to check out the spanking new computers and the ALS modules in digitized interactive versions, and to see how participants, mostly from the marginalized sectors, were responding to the project.

For "Aida," 26, it was her first time to sit in front of a computer. It took her an hour to type her name, password and e-mail address—requirements to register for the eSkwela program.

At first, she couldn't get the hang of the computer mouse. She also couldn't figure out why the screen cursor becomes a hand when it points to a Web address.

In contrast, Manny, 22, and the computer keyboard were like old friends. Going through the registration process was a breeze for him.

He was already doing the pre-test that would give the teacher an idea of his knowledge level. But when no one was looking, he would open another window to YouTube, and would watch a video of the Black Sabbath.

Victoria, 42, joked about being the youngest in the group. Married with children, she said they used to have Internet connection at home, which was why she knew how to e-mail and surf. But the family encountered a financial crisis, so they had to give up not only the Internet but the telephone subscription as well.

The three students have one dream—to finish high school. Aida has already inquired about a six-month caregiving course, Manny plans to become a seaman, and Victoria wants to go to college now that her kids are grown.

So they go to eSkwela thrice a week for two, sometimes three, hours each session, to "learn the five strands of the ALS curriculum"—communication skills, problem solving and critical thinking, sustainable use of resources or productivity, development of self-confidence and sense of community, and expanding one's world vision.

Novel approach

According to the United Nations Development Program 2002-2003 studies on the Philippines, 6 out of 10 people who are officially of secondary age do not get formal education. They are already working or, worse, they are idle.

While the DepEd wants to bring these people back to the formal education system, studies show that traditional full-time education does not work for these youngsters.

This is where ALS comes in. Adults and out-of-school youth can learn core competencies prescribed for elementary and high school using alternative learning programs, and receive accreditation for at least the equivalent of an elementary or high school education.

Tan says eSkwela provides education opportunities using a novel approach and an engaging learning experience through computers.

"We're using the same modules in ALS, but this time, they are digitized and interactive and presented in a 'tutorial way' so students can run the program. There is some supervision at the beginning, but ultimately, they can learn the lessons on their own," she says.

The advantages of eSkwela are many: Students can come at their convenience to the center and do the lessons at their own pace. Based on the student's pace, the teacher can tell if he/she is learning too fast or too slow. Also, working with a computer gives students additional skills needed in the workplace.

Tan says that in the future and with additional funding, the digitized modules will be available in discs, so students can do the lessons at home or in an Internet café.

Tan and her staff composed of Mejia, Nelvin Olalia and, of late, Jose Feliciano Josef, are working on digitizing additional modules and making eSkwela available online.

Two teachers

In the Quezon City pilot school, the students are guided by teachers Juan Obierna and Irene Barzaga and Alejandra Mondoñedo, who is in charge of the ALS program at the Don A. Roces Science and Technology High School.

Obierna and Barzaga have been teaching ALS using print modules since the program started in 2004. For eSkwela, they attended seminars to familiarize themselves with the new software.

They also learned how to enhance learning through the use of educational tools and resources available on the Internet and then to "publish" their instructional materials in the digitized modules.

"We used to make our own visuals, using Pentel pens and *cartolina*. Now we can search open-source sites and download for free, illustrations, videos and other teaching aids which students find more interesting than reading the lessons in print," Obierna says.

Barzaga says she was able to download interactive math quizzes presented like a game. Now her students actually look forward to solving math problems.

As in a formal school setting, there are quizzes after the lesson and discussions between teachers and students—but these are all done on the Net.

And just like any new project, there are glitches. "We are slowly discovering them," Obierna says. "For instance, some students don't like to ask questions when faced with new technology."

"One problem I see is that some students don't read instructions," Barzaga says. "They just click on to the next chapter not knowing what to do. They have to read the instructions first."

Comparisons

But do the participants learn more with eSkwela than with the traditional chalk-and-blackboard method?

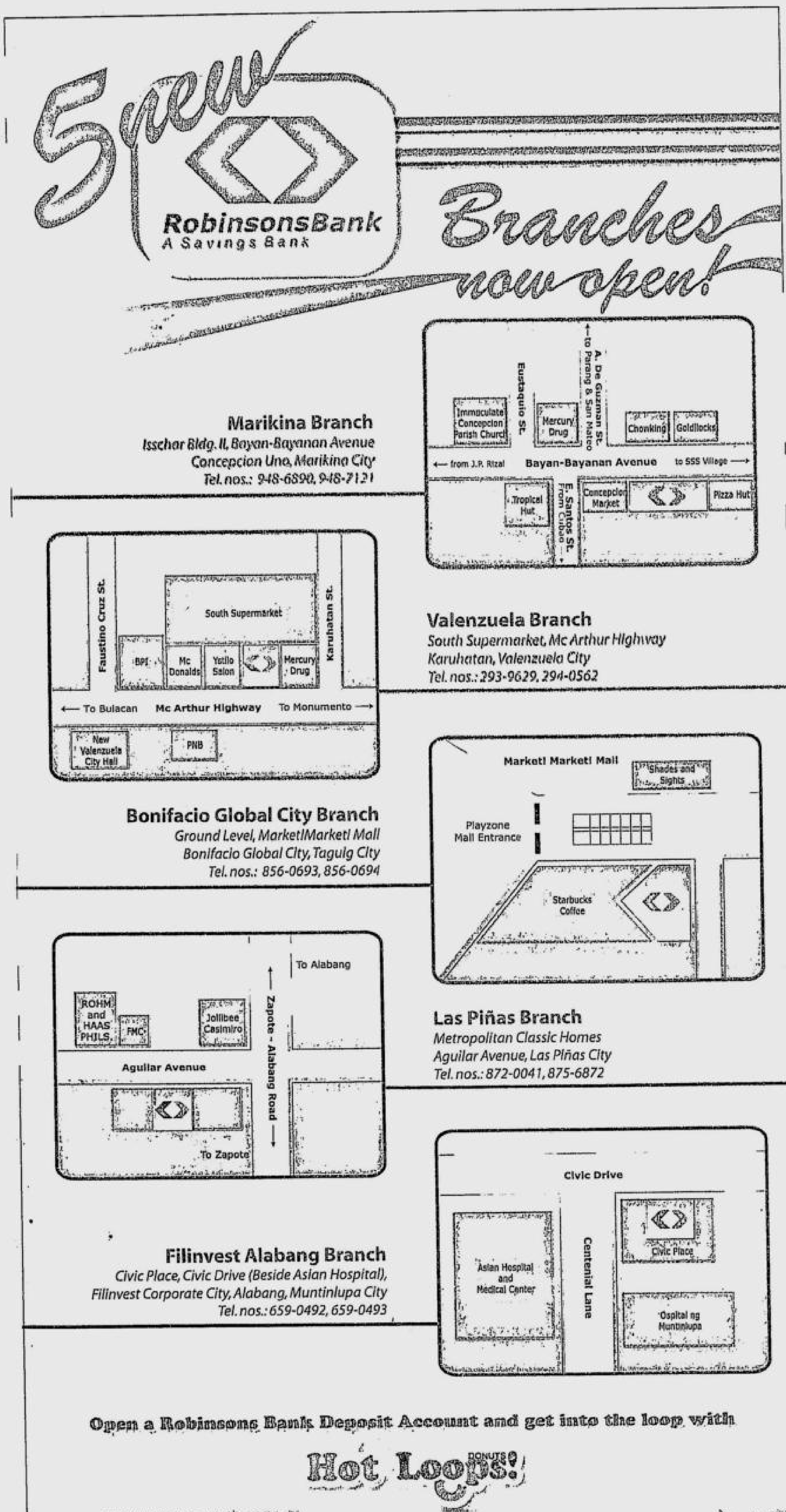
Aida says she misses the teachers explaining the lessons: "It's different when someone explains it to you."

Victoria says she likes doing the lessons on the computer because it allows her to learn at her own pace: "I like to figure things on my own, rather than have teachers tell me what to memorize."

Manny likes YouTube, which he is not allowed to access during class. He got a scolding from his teacher for this, just like in a regular classroom.

Even in this digital age, some things never change.

To register at the eSkwela in Quezon City, go to the Telecommunications Bldg. on Roces Avenue Tuesdays and Fridays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For information on other ALS centers, call the DepEd ALS Central Office at 635-5188.



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Money, fake and real, talk of (some) towns in Bohol

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Aumentado, president of the LMP and the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines, said he was only waiting for the release of project funds from Malacañang after sending a Commission on Elections-certified copy of final tabulations in the senatorial race from the 10 municipalities.

In the capital city, however, talk was about a different sort of money.

Counterfeit P1,000 and P500 bills were discovered to have been deposited in at least four banks: Allied Bank, City Savings Bank, Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) and the Cooperative Bank of Bohol.

In time for election?

DBP alone had nine fake P1,000 bills and four fake P500 bills.

The counterfeit money has been presented to Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas investigator Andres Catanjal. The fake bills will be brought to the BSP for examination, Catanjal said.

The discovery of the fake money, which turned up right after the May 14 elections, spurred speculation here that it was used to buy votes.

Before the elections, the police in Central Visayas had asked the public to scrutinize their P500 bills, amid reports that counterfeit versions were being distributed in the region in time for the elections, purportedly for vote-buying activities.

Massive vote buying in Bohol, where some candidates reportedly shelled out P200 to P3,000 for each voter, alarmed even the Catholic Church.

The Bohol Bankers Association also issued a public advisory on the proliferation of the fake bills.

Vote buying was observed in the hotly contested mayoral contests in Tagbilaran City and the towns of Panglao, Trinidad, Loay, Albur, Guindulman and Candijay.

Team Unity swept all 12 Senate seats in elections in Buenavista, Valencia, Danao, Dagohoy and Getafe. The towns of Balilihan, Antequera, Sagbayan, Lila and Sierra Bullones all gave TU an 11-1 result.

Cesar Montano takes Bohol

In the province-wide Comelec count (one city and 47 towns), Boholano movie actor Cesar Montano (369,807 votes) received the most votes, ahead of six other candidates from TU, four from the Genuine Opposition and one independent.

The other winning senatorial candidates in Bohol include Rep. Prospero Pichay (254,764 votes), Sen. Edgardo Angara (238, 401), Rep. Miguel Zubiri (214,146), Sen. Joker Arroyo (203,233), Loren Legarda (201,214), Sen. Ralph Recto (198,815), Sen. Manuel Villar (196,355), Michael Defensor (190,919), Francis Pangilinan (184,261), Francis Escudero (170,869) and Benigno Aquino III (163,648).

GAMES TODAY (*Thailand time*)
4 p.m.—RP-San Miguel vs Malaysia
6 p.m.—Indonesia vs Thailand

Hot Bulls rout Aces

GAMES TODAY (*Araneta Coliseum*)
4 p.m.—Talk 'N Text vs Sta. Lucia Realty
6:30 p.m.—Barangay Ginebra vs San Miguel Beer

BACOLOD CITY—CYRUS BAGUIO CAME UP with the crucial plays at crunchtime and pushed Red Bull back into the driver's seat of the Talk 'N Text-PBA Fiesta Conference with a 113-103 victory over Alaska last night.

Baguio sparked a telling 16-4 blast that took the fight out of the Aces as the Bulls regained the solo leadership by nailing their 12th victory with only a match left in the classification round.

The win also assured the Bulls of at least a playoff for one of the two outright semifinal slots as the Aces fell to 11-6 behind the Barangay Ginebra Kings, who have a chance to tie for the lead today.

The Gin Kings battle the rampaging San Miguel Beermen at 6:30 p.m. at the Araneta Coliseum hoping to match Red Bull's frontrunning 11-5 record.

The Talk 'N Text Phone Pals (10-6) try to stay in semifinal contention when they go up against the Sta. Lucia Realtors earlier at 4 p.m.

James Penny paced the Bulls with 22 points to preserve Baguio's brilliant show in the final period to the delight of a full-house crowd at the West Negros College gym here. *June Navarro*

The scores:

Red Bull 113—Penny 22, Baguio 16, Fonacier 15, Valenzuela 11, Hrabak 10, Bugia 10, Najorda 9, Robinson 9, Alvarez 7, Cruz 6, Sharma 4, Ibanez 4.

Alaska 103—Miller 23; Cariaso 14, Layure 13, Hugnatan 11, Feerriols 9, Cortez 9, Thos 8, Singson 7, Julnio 6, Belasco 3, Bajao 0.

Quarters: 24-18; 51-50; 87-82; 113-103.

ROMEL Adducul (left) and Danny Ildefonso will play pivotal roles for San Miguel against Barangay Ginebra tonight. RYAN LIM

Sports editor Larry Galvez; 61

PEDRO "Larry" I. Galvez Jr., former sportswriter and editor and close aide of the late sportsman Danny Floro, died on Friday at the National Kidney Institute. He was 61. He is survived by wife Regina Benedicto; children Judette, Peter Paul, Louie and Christian; and father Col. (ret.) Pedro Galvez. His body lies at the Funeraria Paz on Araneta Ave., Quezon City. Cremation will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, after a memorial Mass. Galvez was sports editor of the pre-martial law tabloid Daily Star. He resigned as sports editor of the magazine Sports Weekly to join Floro's Crispa Textiles where he became personnel manager. He was the sportsman's close aide when the latter built what was to become the Crispa dynasty in the PBA. After Floro's death in 1995, Galvez returned to his first love as editor of the sports magazine Sports Flash. But failing eyesight caused by diabetes forced Galvez into retirement.

RP five shoots down Indons

By Francis Ochoa

RATCHABURI, THAILAND—DURING A FELLOWSHIP DINNER held Friday, the entire Indonesian basketball team took the stage and belted out their rendition of "I believe I can fly."

Less than 24 hours later, the RP-San Miguel squad brought the Indonesians back hard to the ground.

The Filipinos pounced on a shotclock-milking Indon squad that didn't look like it came to the game actually believing it could win, hammering out an 85-48 victory Saturday night to take the solo lead in the Southeast Asian Basketball Association (Seaba) men's championship at the Ratchaburi gymnasium here.

It was the second straight victory for the Filipinos. And although they polished off a scrappy Singapore squad earlier by 67 points, it was this win that looked like it was handed on a silver platter.

Indonesia's offensive pattern was anchored on milking the shotclock, an apparent ploy to keep the score—and the losing deficit—at a minimum. But the Indons capped these offensive thrusts usually with long jumpers, giving the Philippines long rebounds off misses, allowing it to go on several transition plays in the second period.

"Indonesia came up with a great game plan," said RP coach Chot Reyes. "They held the game on us."

From the stands, coach Luie Alas had a more direct observation.

"They weren't playing basketball, they just wanted to make sure they lost by a small margin," said Alas, who with Junel Baculi, is scouting the opposition for December's Southeast Asian Games.

Mark Caguioa topscored for the Philippines with 23 points. His split free throws early in the second period gave RP-San Miguel its first double-digit spread, 23-13.

The ploy worked as far as spoiling the Indons' plan of keeping the scores close. Turnovers and long misses allowed the RP five to go on transition and helped the Nationals pad the lead in the fourth, 77-41, three minutes left to play.

A Renren Ritualo triple a minute later gave the Philippines its biggest lead, 85-45.

The Philippines takes on Malaysia at 4 p.m. today, gunning for a third straight win that will book the country a slot in the Fiba-Asia men's championship this July. That tournament serves as the qualifier for the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

The Malaysians bounced back from an opening-day loss to Indonesia to crush Singapore, 87-59, earlier and improve to 2-1. The Malaysians conquered host Thailand, 72-67, Friday.

Notes: Yesterday's game was watched by a throng of flag-waving supporters who cheered the team the moment it stepped on the court. The gallery collectively expelled oohs and ahhs as the RP 5 did their warm-ups and reserved its biggest cheers every time KG Canaleta went up for highlight reel dunks… Tony dela Cruz arrived yesterday and watched the Nationals take on Indonesia. The multitasking forward, who was in the original roster, sprained his ankle and was replaced by Canaleta in this tournament.

The scores:

RP-SAN MIGUEL 85—Caguioa 23, Taulava 11, Seigle 9, Villanueva 8, De Ocampo 6, Raymundo 6, Helterbrand 6, Hontiveros 5, Ritualo 5, Pennisi 3, Alapag 3, Canaleta 0.

INDONESIA 48—Faisal 13, Cokorda 8, Sumargo 7, Indrajaya 5, Jati 5, Poedjakesuma 2, Prihantono 2, Sondkh 2, Wuysang 2, Gunawan 2, Tiara 0, Wellyanson 0.

Quarters: 19-13, 37-20, 58-36, 85-48

Laughter the best ...

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His mother's cousin had the same skin problem, he said.

A different look

When the de-coloration spread around his lips and below the cheeks, he said he started feeling "insecure."

"*Menaliwa ku itsura* (There was a change in the way I look)," said Panlilio. His closest "bradz" (brother-priests) swore he was handsome during his younger years in the ministry.

The cure to his skin disorder, he said, was "taxing."

"I was made to go under the sun for 30 minutes between six and nine in the morning, apply (medicated) lotion then go under the sun again for another 30 minutes," he said.

But he gave up, saying, "How can I do this with all the activities in the parish?"

No time to brood

Guagua is a town of more than 100,000 people who are mostly Catholics. Aside from attending to their spiritual needs through the celebration of the sacraments, Panlilio organized basic ecclesiastical communities and spent more time organizing the youth.

The church also draws tourists, being one of 10 churches in the country declared as national treasures.

Built in the early 1700s, the church in Guagua was repaired several times throughout the 1800s.

The *retablo* (main alter) has ornate carvings and images of saints. The paintings on the ceiling have been compared to those in the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican

Instead of brooding about his looks, Panlilio said, "I just accepted it."

Disinformation

But then, the white spots also drew the attention of some people, who gave him curious stares. At one point, he went to see Geli Jingco, a parishioner in her late 20s who also has the same skin disorder.

"She counseled me. Geli said I should not be bothered by it. That girl has lots of self-confidence," Panlilio said.

He is not bothered anymore because "when you're older, substance, not physical appearance, should be the real worth of a person," he said. "It does not mean anything to me anymore."

During the electoral campaign, however, his critics made an issue of his skin disorder. A flyer claimed it was a manifestation of HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus), which causes the dreaded AIDS. He could not tell which of his rivals spread that "false information."

During the motorcades in 20 towns and in this city, his doctor sprayed his extremities with a medicated lotion to protect him from the harsh sun.

By his doctor's reckoning, Panlilio's health is "OK."

Loads of laughter

This was not the case before he threw himself into the race in response to the clamor of Catholic lay people, who pushed him to run because they wanted an alternative to then reelectionist Gov. Mark Lapid and Pampanga Board Member Lilia Pineda.

In March just before the race, his uric acid was over the limit and his cholesterol level shot up to 286.

He has since lost 20 pounds from the hustings and now packs 192 pounds in his 5-foot-11-and-a-half frame.

Panlilio plans to resume playing tennis to keep fit. He rates his proficiency in the game as "AB." In his vocabulary, that means "always beginning."

Panlilio also misses playing basketball with the young men in Betis. But he has loads of laughter, which his doctors call the best medicine.

IN THE KNOW

'Michael Jackson Disease'

By Lawrence de Guzman
Inquirer Research

KNOWN AS THE "MICHAEL JACKSON DISease," vitiligo is a skin disorder characterized by permanent white spots on different parts of the body as a result of the destruction of melanocytes, the cells that provide skin color.

There is no known cause for vitiligo, but the widely accepted view is it happens when a person's immune system reacts against the body's own organs or tissues. Other theories point to heredity, skin injury and emotional distress.

The disease usually starts as flat white patches on the hands or around the eyes and occur in the same areas on both sides of the body, producing a symmetrical effect. It is not contagious and most patients have a slow progression of the disease with more and larger patches. For some, however, the spots just disappear.

Prone to sunburn

About one percent of the world's population have vitiligo, and they are advised to use sunscreen because they are prone to sunburn and skin cancer.

There is no known cure for the disease, but some patients use cosmetics to cover the white spots, while others avail of treatments such as repigmentation through a series of ultraviolet light treatments and surgical transplant of melanocytes.

In severe cases, when over half of the body is covered with white patches, patients may choose to remove the skin color from the normal areas using monobenzone cream, a process called dispigmentation. This gives the patient's skin an irreversible uniform pale white color, similar to the case of Michael Jackson.

2 witnesses of Sulu election fraud surface

By Norman Bordadora

THEY ONLY WANTED TO GO HOME TO SULU to vote but they ended up being participants in a massive electoral fraud in the province.

The Suluanons Warjave Dalawan and Nurhussin Dalawan said they left Zamboanga City on May 12 so they could vote in Kalingalan Caluang town in Sulu.

But they found themselves filling out ballots four hours early on Election Day and did so, perhaps, for voters of an entire barangay.

The two allegedly wrote on the ballots the names of incumbent Sulu Rep. Munir Arbison (Lakas, Second District) from 3 a.m. until 6 a.m. while under the supervision of the Commission on Elections municipal officer, Hadji Habibon Hassan.

The Dalawans have executed a joint affidavit in support of the opposition's bid to have the election results in Sulu nullified based on the allegation that no election was held in many parts of the province.

"The affiants left Zamboanga City on the 12th of May 2007 to cast their votes in their Barangay Kanlagay, Kalingalan Caluang, Sulu and arrived in said barangay on the 13th of May, 2007," the witnesses said in their joint affidavit.

Upon their arrival, they said they were summoned to the residence of a certain Peping Halun, the barangay chair of the neighboring Barangay Pitogo. Halun is also reportedly the father of the mayoralty candidate in Kalingalan Caluang.

"(We) went to the house of Peping Halun at nine in the evening of May 13, 2007 and stayed in the house for the night and saw the municipal election supervisor Hadji Habibon Hassan at the house directing all the people inside what to do in preparation for the big fraud and cheating," the witnesses said in their affidavit.

At 3 a.m., they said they were ordered by Hassan and Halun to fill out the ballots and write the name of Arbison, the congressional candidate in the second district, and Alradzmie Halun, the mayoral candidate.

This woman goes where men ...

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office but reports of armed men roving Sultan Mastura, where the canvassing would be held, had sent the man bailing out.

The job was next offered to another male lawyer who declined the offer for the same reason.

Up to the challenge

Finally, the task was offered to the stern-looking, bespectacled De Mesa who immediately said yes.

If she had survived a 10-day sojourn during the 2004 elections in Sulu, where the bandit Abu Sayyaf Group was then roaming free, "how could I not endure a safer place like Shariff Kabunsuan," De Mesa said.

She was the PBOC chair in Sulu during the 2004 presidential elections. The situation then was so volatile, a gunfight could erupt between warring parties at any time and for no reason.

"I was praying hard that I would not be caught in the middle of a fight and that I would not be harmed," De Mesa told the INQUIRER.

The plucky lawyer has been flying to ARMM districts labeled as "election hotspots" for the past three elections.

During the 2005 ARMM elections, she administered the canvassing in Maguindanao, now the subject of a Comelec investigation for alleged massive poll fraud. She also gathered vote tallies in Lanao del Sur during the 2001 elections.

Asked if the Iriga-raised De Mesa had a death wish, she said: "No, but I thrive in adventure."

Through the years, her two married daughters have learned to accept this.

"When they heard I was going to Shariff Kabunsuan they didn't want me to go. But they admitted that they couldn't stop me," De Mesa said.

Waray

She said she got her spunk working two decades for a bus company which exposed her to gory vehicular accidents and forced her to travel to the countryside teeming with rebels of the New People's Army.

When there were road mishaps involving the bus company, she would rush to the scene to make accident reports and assist the injured, De Mesa related.

"I was always being sent to remote areas so I prayed a lot. I know that I would not be harmed if I was doing the right thing," she said.

Her father was born in Camalig, Albay, while her mother was Waray.

This would explain where she got her audacity. "You know how Warays can be," she said in jest.

In 1992, De Mesa, already in her 40s, decided to work for the Comelec. She was not yet a lawyer then.

"I wanted to be a doctor or a lawyer after high school. But my father suggested I take up a shorter course because my brothers and sisters were still studying," she explained.

Hence, De Mesa, the eldest in a brood of 12, graduated with degrees in medical technology and political science.

Her first job was with a radio network in Naga City, which made good use of her booming voice. Her broadcasting stint lasted for two years.

While working for the bus company, she studied law. But because of her 9 to 5 job, she was only able to finish her first year.

Later, she continued her studies at the Far Eastern University after she started working as a special investigator with the Comelec, handling administrative chores—like recording and filing cases—for then Commissioner Vicente de Lima.

From the ranks

De Mesa obtained a law degree in 1996 and passed the bar exams the same year.

Rising from the ranks at the Comelec, she started getting assignments to various cities in Metro Manila to administer the canvassing of election returns. Then came the more risky jobs, which she accepted without hesitation.

Asked how she felt about her trip to Shariff Kabunsuan tomorrow morning, De Mesa said: "Even if political families are feuding there, I still believe they will not involve us in their quarrels, as long as we act within the bounds of the law."

It was Election Commissioner Rene Sarmiento, who is in charge of ARMM, who asked De Mesa to lead the canvassing in Shariff Kabunsuan.

"I said, 'No problem,'" she told the INQUIRER in an earlier interview. Because she said yes almost immediately, she is now known as the Comelec's "gutsy lady."

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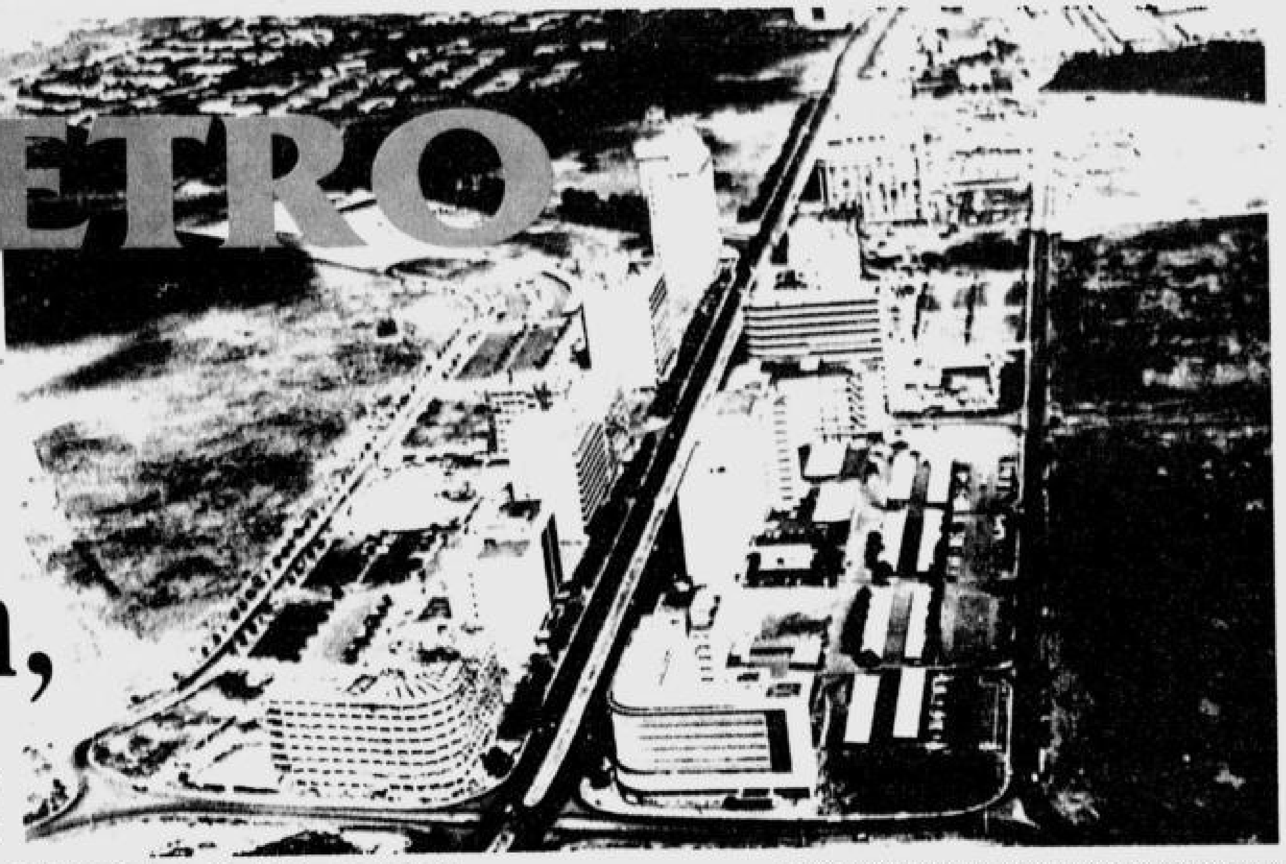
Discovering Makati City's rich, colorful heritage



AN AERIAL shot of Ayala Avenue in 1965.

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By DJ Yap

TO CITY DWELLERS, MAKATI EVOKES images of tall buildings, businessmen in suits and a steel gray landscape—all things cosmopolitan and new. But once upon a time, Makati was a swampland.

In fact, while traveling up the Pasig River sometime in the 16th century, Spanish explorer Miguel Lopez de Legazpi took one good look at the place and dismissed it as "worthless."

"This cruel put-down, made in 1571, earned Makati its first mention in history," wrote Manuel Duldulao in "A 'worthless' Swampland," one of the essays in a coffee table book to be launched by the city government next month.

On June 1, Makati, now the city of ultra-modern life and living, will proudly mark its 337th anniversary, a good time to remember its beginnings.

The book, "From Sampiro to Makati: A Community's Journey of Faith and Struggle," does just that. A compilation of historical and cultural essays by four writers, the book takes readers back to the past—from pre-colonial era to World War II and Makati's rise as the country's financial capital.

The book will be launched and distributed to guests during the mayor's traditional reception on Foundation Day, according to Makati public affairs chief Joey Salgado, the project's director and editor.

Not for sale

All 2,000 copies of the book are not for sale. Salgado said copies would be sent to all schools in the city. "If there is a demand, we will publish a softbound edition next year," he said

The books contains essays—most of them published before—by Duldulao, Prof. Eliseo Co, former Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (Central Bank) Gov. Jaime Laya, and National Artist for Literature Alejandro Roces. The photographs come from the collections of the Filipinas Heritage Library and the Museo ng Makati.

"Makati is a modern, progressive city that has deep roots, so we want residents to see that they have a very colorful and very rich local heritage," Salgado told the INQUIRER.

"In this world that is very fast-paced, very modern, the first casualty would be heritage. We don't want all of these things to be lost to modernity," he added.

The book, Salgado said, seeks to educate Makati residents about the city's history. For instance, few people know how the city got its name.

In Duldulao's essay, one account traced back the name to a simple case of miscommunication between Legazpi and a datu or local chieftain.

A case of miscommunication

According to the story, Legazpi asked a native about the name of the place. But the datu, whose knowledge of Spanish was minimal, misunderstood the question. Instead, he pointed to the river and told the Spaniard, "*Makati na, kumakati na* (The tide is ebbing)." Legazpi promptly wrote down the name Makati.

Duldulao posed another theory, noting the Malay custom of naming a place after its flora. Back then, he wrote, the place was teeming with "*lupang kalabaw*," a plant that caused itchiness ("*kati*") when touched.

But the account that "carries more weight," Duldulao said, was the simple Tagalog description of "a place full of tides" or "*makati*."

A full section of the book is devoted to the history of the city's oldest Christian churches—the Nuestra Señora de Gracia in Guadalupe and the Church of Saints Peter and Paul, or San Pedro y Paolo Viejo.

It also details the wartime exploits of Gen. Pio del Pilar, particularly the near annihilation of the Culi-Culi Brigade in the Battle of Santa Ana during the Philippine-American War and the resurrection of the brigade two weeks later.

Lastly, it describes the city's transformation from a backward town to an urban center after World War II in the essay titled "Rising from the Rubble."

Recently reelected Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay, in his introduction to the book, said "From Sampiro to Makati" would offer readers a view of the city's rich and colorful heritage.

"As Makati continues to ride the crest of progress driven by modern technology, its people have managed to hold on, with characteristic resilience and fortitude, to its centuries-old customs and traditions," he said. "And this is what gives Makati its soul."

With Kimberly Tan

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This section is dedicated to Filipinos overseas toiling on land and at sea, in factories, in construction sites and in the homes of the world, and wherever work can be contracted to secure a better life for their families. These are their stories.

Ex-FX driver working to become priest in Washington

Dean Ipanag has worked hard in the US to send his children to school. Now he's getting himself an education—in theology and parish service

By Christian V. Esguerra

WASHINGTON—DEAN FERNANDEZ Ipanag wears many hats in the American capital: parish errand boy, flower delivery man, masseur, driver, or simply the Pinoy funnyman seeking any way to make an honest living.

Little do his friends in Washington know that the 49-year-old, former FX taxi driver from Makati City has single-mindedly been pursuing his one dream cap: He wants to become a priest.

In fact, he already has a pending application to become a deacon, a ministry common among elder men here.

Dean has also completed the Education for Parish Service, a certificate course for adult Catholics seeking "theological, scriptural and pastoral education."

He breezed through the four-year program in just two years, guided by top American theologians at the Trinity University here.

"I really want to serve the Lord in whatever way I can," he told the INQUIRER in an interview.

He said not only does his wife support him, she may even join him in dedicating her twilight years to the service of the Lord.

On the surface, the ambition can pass off as one of the jokes he usually throws in deadpan fashion to friends.

But longer conversations with him show he is knowledgeable in matters like church history, apologetics (defense of the Catholic faith), and even homiletics (the art of preaching).

The INQUIRER met Dean during the Kamustahan Concert Tour co-produced by On-Stage head Robert Dizon at the George Washington University here early this month. It featured the APO Hiking Society, Nanette Inventor and Heart Evangelista.

Dean volunteered to sell tickets for the concert and drive the celebrities around the capital.

Making himself available for friends is one of his preoccupations on his road to priesthood.

Dean says he makes himself available, too, for whatever help he can extend to Catholic ministries in the area. He's worked for a number of youth and marriage encounters, and the Light in the Spirit Seminar.

Giving back

Three years ago, he says he gave a seminar on the gifts of the Holy Spirit during a retreat of El Shaddai members in Virginia.

Involving himself in income-generating work and pastoral ministry is his way of giving back the many subtle blessings he's never failed to notice all his life.

Back in Manila, he used to drive an FX taxi plying the Guadalupe-Ayala-Leon Guinto route. He was also a one-time computer programmer before working as a soft-drinks agent and later, as dealer.

As an FX driver, he says he netted only around P100 after a hard day's work. The amount made it practically impossible for any man to support four children. But Dean got help from his father and a bachelor brother.

He was active in ministry at the Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Makati and some charismatic groups.

"Back then, I really felt that God was always guiding me and my family," he says.

Divine providence

But Dean also knew that divine providence worked well only for those who helped themselves.

As early as 1998, he says he'd been trying to get a higher paying job overseas.

Seven times he was denied entry to the United States until a priest helped him find work at St. Nicholas Church in Laurel, Maryland.

He says he was so happy with the job even if it did not pay him a lot because he got to go to Mass every day.

His main job is "rectory management"—a euphemism, he quips, for "chimoy."

"I do practically everything here, except, of course, saying Mass," he jokes: "I'm the housekeeper, driver, sacristan, and whathaveyou."

He used to cook, too, until he was banished from the job by the former parish priest, an erstwhile Army major. "You need a cast-iron stomach to eat that! It's too hot!" he recalls being told.

DEAN FERNANDEZ IPANAG, who describes himself as the St. Nicholas parish "chimoy," has already completed a four-year program for parish service and has a pending application to become a deacon.

All else he'll dabble in if only to support his family.

This means taking on odd jobs after his nine-to-five shift at St. Nicholas. Once, home-service massage for a family of six kept him up till 2 a.m.

On Saturdays, he delivers flowers for an interstate business consortium, on top of being a Forex subagent picking up "balikbayan" boxes.

But all this hard work allowed him to bring in his sons Hugs, now 19, and Touch, 17, to live with him in his small basement apartment in Silver Spring. They're enrolled at the nearby Wheaton High School.

His eldest daughter's education was almost jeopardized by a preneed plan fiasco back in Manila. Fortunately, Dean's hard work from miles away paid off.

Kisses, 20, has finished a degree on early childhood education at De La Salle. She is set to join her father later this year after she's taken her board exams.

Much-awaited reunion

Another daughter, 18-year-old Embrace, and her mother will join the family, too, for a much-awaited reunion tentatively set in October.

Dean walks around with a slight limp. Polio when he was young left him with a weak left leg. This shifted his weight almost solely on the right for as long as he could remember. Five years ago, the right leg gave up and he could have been crippled.

Doctors here were able to fix his right leg. He can walk more easily now, although there is the occasional waddling motion.

"I can live with that," he says. "This is no big deal considering everything that God has given me."

It's no small wonder, he says, that despite the handicap, he found several jobs in the US.

"It's not really difficult to find honest work here so long as you're able and actually looking for one," he says.

Take it from Dean who couldn't even buy a scooter back in Manila. He now drives a brand-new Toyota Matrix equipped with a global positioning system.

Years from now, when he's traded his workman's clothes for white albs, his stories from the pulpit will resonate with first-hand accounts of how miracles work for those who believe.

VINA PAREDES is an INQUIRER contributor.

Qantas Media Award for NZ-based Filipino journalist

FILIPINO JOURNALIST DIVINA C. Paredes has been named the best magazine feature writer in the information and communications technology category of the recent 34th Qantas Media Awards in New Zealand.

Paredes, editor of CIO New Zealand magazine, was cited for her article entitled "On the leading edge," an interview with Scott Houston, former chief technology officer of Weta Digital, the special effects company founded by Kiwi director Peter Jackson of "Lord of the Rings" and "King Kong." Houston now heads the New Zealand Supercomputing Centre.

The article appeared in MIS Magazine, which has since merged with CIO New Zealand magazine, and is published by Fairfax Business Media.

It is the second journalism award for Paredes, who was also named the inaugural Fronde Synergy Hi-Tech Journalist of the Year during ceremonies held by PriceWarehouseCoopers in Auckland in November 2006.

MIS Magazine was also named the best trade professional magazine during the 2005 Qantas Media Awards.

Paredes has been editor of MIS New Zealand, now known as CIO Magazine, since 2004.

She moved to New Zealand in 2000 after completing her master of international studies at the University of Sydney. She also studied journalism at New York University, where she was a Fulbright scholar.

Paredes is a contributor for the Philippine Daily Inquirer and Diario Filipino, the newspaper of the Filipino community in New Zealand.

After 27 years, time to relax

Retired school teacher Thelma Tolentino loves old Tagalog soap operas and weekends in Atlantic City's gaming resorts

By Christian V. Esguerra

ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY—Since they retired a few years ago, Thelma and Orlando Tolentino spend much of their week at the Tropicana, the biggest resort-casino in this state. They often catch a movie at the nearby Newport Centre Mall or simply lumber around their two-story house in Jersey City.

A former public school teacher from Malabon, Thelma, 65, armed with a Trillion Premium Player's Card, gets VIP treatment at Tropicana's sumptuous buffet restaurant where she often goes with her friends.

Not far from the video poker machines is hubby Orlando, 69, a certified public accountant.

Their other favorite pastime: Tagalog soap operas for Thelma; Fernando Poe action flicks for Orlando.

For people viewing the couple's life from the outside, retirement life probably can't get any better than this.

To begin with, the Tolentinos are no high-stakes gamblers. The few dollars they throw away here and there is their way of pampering themselves after more than two decades of hard work.

Never easy

"I've worked for 27 years and they were never easy," Thelma says while giving the INQUIRER an impromptu tour of Tropicana early this month.

She was to attend the Kamustahan concert at the Boardwalk Hall not far away.

The stakes were high for Thelma and Orlando when they decided to move to the US nearly 30 years ago. Orlando had gone first. Thelma and her first baby, Claire, joined her husband in New Jersey in 1970.

Luckily, Thelma immediately found a job at the Two Guys department store, working the night shift for $40 a week. Orlando started with a mortgage company paying him $150 weekly.

Far from enough

Their combined salary, $90 of which was spent on the monthly apartment rental, was far from enough. Thelma made extra money babysitting for neighbors, while looking after her own daughters. By that time, the couple were already blessed with their second child, Chastity.

They shared family chores. In the morning when Orlando was away at work, Thelma would cook, do laundry, and bring the children to school. Orlando would take over in the evening so she could go to her cashier job from 6 to 11 p.m.

"It was really tough," Thelma says. "We had to do everything on our own."

In 1974, Thelma got a better job, a clerical position at the old Republic National Bank on 5th Avenue across the Hudson River. Aside from the posh address, the bank gave her the opportunity to train in computer.

THELMA TOLENTINO worked the nightshift at a department store and took babysitting jobs for four years before she landed a good job in a bank.

New skill

The new skill added more value to her resume until she retired 23 years later.

Orlando, on the other hand, moved from the mortgage company in Long Island to the Amalgamated Bank, also in the Big Apple, as assistant accountant. In the 1980s, he joined his wife at the Republic National Bank.

Meanwhile, their two girls were growing up, says Thelma.

"My husband and I were not exactly strict," she says. "But we were conscious about their need to maintain their Filipino values."

Thelma says she was also guarding against premarital sex, a danger quite pronounced in western society.

Fortunately, both Claire and Chastity never failed their parents.

Claire, who finished a degree in computer science, married another Filipino and has a 5-year-old son. Chastity finished a course in biology at the New Jersey State College and now stays with her elder sister in Washington.

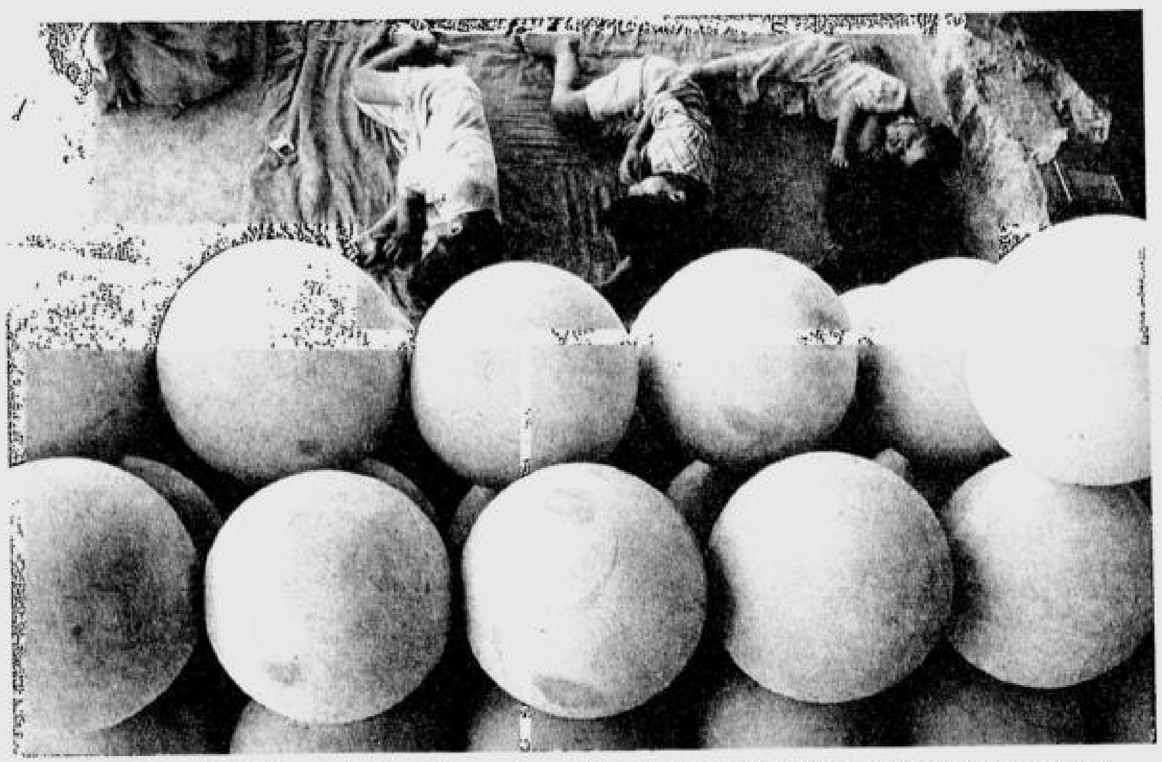
Thelma and Orlando visit their grandson at least once a week.

The hard tasks are basically over now—no more agonizing drives to Long Island, late-night work at some obscure warehouse, or marathon babysitting.

The old-timers, though, aren't just watching the sunset.

But they're having the time of their lives, burning a few dollars in the casino then enjoying a quite stroll down the Atlantic City Boardwalk.

US objects to G8's global warming declaration



CHILDREN sleep behind a stack of earthen pots used for storing water in the outskirts of Ahmadabad, India, on May 24. Climate change may lead to severe food and water shortages for an extra 130 million people across Asia by 2050 unless international action is urgently taken, according to a UN report. AP

WASHINGTON—THE UNITED States has raised new serious objections to a proposed global warming declaration prepared by Germany for next month's Group of Eight summit, The Washington Post reported on Saturday.

Citing documents obtained by the newspaper, the report said officials representing the administration of President George W. Bush rejected the idea of setting mandatory emissions targets as well as language calling for G8 nations to raise overall energy efficiencies by 20 percent by 2020.

With less than two weeks remaining before the June 6 to 8 summit, the climate document is the only unresolved issue in the statements the world leaders are expected to sign there, said the report, citing sources close to the talks.

Representatives from the world's leading industrial nations met the past two days in Heiligendamm, Germany, to negotiate over German Chancellor Angela Merkel's proposed climate statement.

It calls for limiting the worldwide temperature rise this century to 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit and cutting global greenhouse gas emissions to 50 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

"The US still has serious, fundamental concerns about this draft statement," The Post quotes a document dated May 14 as saying.

"The treatment of climate change runs counter to our overall position and crosses multiple 'red lines' in terms of what we simply cannot agree to ... We have tried to 'tread lightly' but there is only so far we can go given our fundamental opposition to the German position." The most recent draft, dated May 24, shows that the two sides still remain at odds, the paper said.

While Germany has offered to alter language identifying a rise in global temperature of 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit as a dangerous tipping point and instead to accept a Russian proposal that targets a range from 2.7 to 4.5 degrees, the United States has yet to accept the modified language.

The Post said that the United States also remains opposed to a statement that reads, "We acknowledge that the UN climate process is an appropriate forum for negotiating future global action on climate change." *AFP*

Warming threatens Arctic glaciers

MONTREAL—WARMING IN Canada's far north is melting glaciers that threaten to split into massive chunks and float away, a Canadian researcher told AFP ON Friday, after tagging an iceberg as big as Manhattan.

Geologist Luke Copland of the University of Ottawa, and his colleague Derek Mueller of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, visited Ayles Ice Island this week to install beacons to follow its movements through the Arctic Ocean.

"On Monday, we landed on the ice island and (installed) a satellite tracking beacon, so we can track where the ice island (goes), and a temperature censor, which every hour will record the temperature," Copland told AFP.

The 16-by-5km slab of ice had split from Canada's Ellesmere Island close to Greenland in August 2005, but was only identified late last year.

The break was so violent that it caused tremors that were detected by Canadian seismographs 250 km away, but at the time no one was able to pinpoint what had happened.

Copland, who reconstructed the chain of events by piecing together data from the seismic readings and satellite images, had said when the discovery was announced in December, the rupture was the "biggest in 25 years" in the Arctic.

After visiting the island for the first time this week, he said: "You really need to see it. Normally Arctic sea ice has a very, very rough surface ... But this piece is just so big, it's flat and smooth."

According to the Canadian Ice Service, relying on satellite images, the island has traveled less than 100 km to the south since its rupture, but has been stuck in an ice field in recent months.

The satellite tags installed on the island will track its movements as it drifts toward Alaska, where it could pose a danger to offshore oil rigs.

"We know roughly that it will drift to the west and that it's driven by the ocean current, but beyond that we don't know how long will it take to reach Alaska. It might take five years, 10 years, we don't know exactly," Copland said.

The Earth's polar regions have been most affected by warming, believed to be caused by greenhouse gas emissions, with temperatures in the Arctic rising twice as fast as elsewhere over the past century. *AFP*

In US towns, wind power is stymied by zoning rules

MELISSA, TEXAS—AN ORANGE flag marks where Gary Lisle planned to put up a 10-meter windmill behind his house. But that is about as far as his green idea got in this Dallas suburb.

Denied a building permit in March, Lisle joined the growing ranks of frustrated homeowners across the US whose hopes of harvesting wind energy in their backyards have been dashed. Some communities have outlawed residential turbines. Others entangle applicants in so much red tape that they simply give up.

"The fact is, we're dealing with ignorance," said Lisle, whose turbine would resemble a big pinwheel with three small blades spinning atop a flagpole.

Standoffs between cities and green-minded homeowners are becoming more common as interest grows in residential turbines—fueled by worries in the US over rising conventional energy costs and a greater push to embrace environmentally friendly alternative power sources.

Backyard windmills are already an $18 million-a-year industry in the US, and manufacturers think that could triple if wind got the same local acceptance and federal incentives as solar energy systems, which typically involve nothing more intrusive than panels on the roof.

Zoning boards and neighborhood associations have heard complaints that the windmills would be unsightly, that the blades could break loose and fly into someone's yard, that a tornado could knock a pole down or send it flying like a missile, or that the spinning blades would make too much noise. (Unlike big industrial wind turbines, the backyard varieties are barely audible.)

"Planning and zoning are the single biggest obstacle to wind energy in the US," said Roy Butler, owner of Four Winds Renewable Energy in New York. *AP*

SUU KYI in May 25, 1995 photo. AP

Burma junta extends Suu Kyi detention

RANGOON, BURMA—SUPPORTers of pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi roundly condemned Burma's decision to extend her house arrest for a fifth year, with some calling on Saturday for the regime to be expelled from the Southeast Asian regional block.

Suu Kyi, leader of the opposition National League for Democracy party and the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize winner, has spent more than 11 of the past 17 years in detention.

The order keeping her under house arrest at her residence in Rangoon, the biggest city in Burma (also known as Myanmar), was due to expire on Sunday, but officials told her of its one-year extension Friday afternoon.

Lim Kit Siang, who heads the opposition Democratic Action Party in Malaysia, said the extension showed the Association of Southeast Asian Nations' policy of "constructive engagement" with Burma had failed.

Suu Kyi has been held continuously since May 30, 2003, when her motorcade was attacked by a pro-junta mob during a political tour of northern Burma. The government considers her a threat to public order.

In Thailand, home to many Burma exiles, a spokesperson for a prominent opposition group said the new order would only embolden them to keep fighting.

"It's a very unlawful decision by the generals, so we are very frustrated. She is not a criminal and not a threat to national security," said Zin Linn of the National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma, a self-styled government-in-exile.

The United Nations, the European Union and the US government repeated previous calls for the release of Suu Kyi and about 1,200 other political prisoners held in Burma, and for the country to move toward democracy.

Noting the junta had ignored international appeals for Suu Kyi's release, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and other world leaders called the move a setback for those trying to promote democracy and reconciliation in the country. *AP*

China suspends maglev run

SHANGHAI—CHINA HAS shelved a planned magnetic levitation rail route linking the cities of Shanghai and Hangzhou partly due to concerns among residents that the trains would emit radiation, state media reported on Saturday.

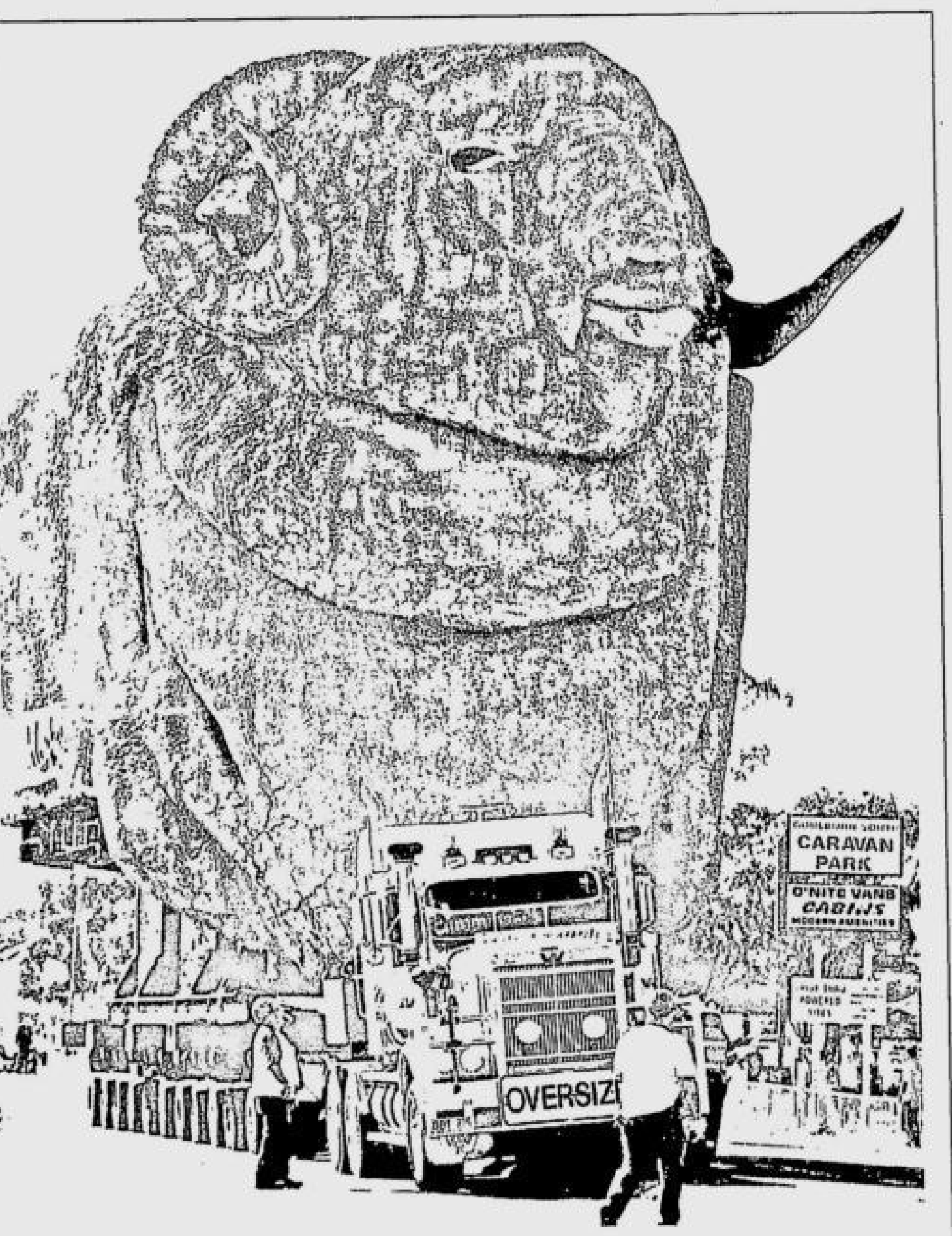
The report came as Shanghai's talks with German suppliers, including Siemens A.G., to extend the high-speed line to neighboring Hangzhou are already complicated by recent accidents involving maglev trains and cost concerns.

Xinhua news agency said thousands of residents living along the proposed route had been petitioning for a suspension of the $4.5 billion project, fearing the high-speed trains would produce radiation.

"The local government has been under huge pressure over the past months with crowds of petitioners knocking at their doors every day and thousands of complaints received online," Xinhua said.

Xinhua quoted an unidentified official of the Shanghai government as saying that the project had been "suspended in line with the arrangements of the municipal government."

Approved by the central government in March 2006, the planned 35-billion-yuan ($4.5 billion) maglev project was designed to have a length of 160 km and trains on the track will run at a maximum speed of 450 km per hour. *Reuters*



MOVING FEAT

Riggers watch The Big Merino tourist attraction moving down the Hume Highway to its new location south of Goulburn on May 26. It took nearly two hours to transport the 96-ton, 15-meter high, 18-meter long cement and mesh sheep landmark 800 meters on a 96-wheel trailer. The Big Merino is one of an estimated 146 "Big Things" throughout Australia. AFP

Coke takes $4-B step away from carbonation

IF YOU SET UP A LEMONADE STAND THIS weekend, you might consider stirring in something a little different.

Look what happened to J. Darius Bikoff. Slightly less than a decade ago, he discovered that he liked drinking water with a vitamin C tablet after he had exercised.

With the help of beverage experts, Bikoff started mixing his own water-based beverage, spiked with vitamins, which became the popular Vitaminwater. On Friday, he sold the drink maker, Glaceau, to Coca-Cola for $4.1 billion, a substantial sum for a company whose products are not yet readily available all across the country.

Glaceau—the maker of Vitaminwater, a flavored water with vitamins—doubled its sales last year and is expected to surpass $1 billion in sales in the next few years.

As American consumers shift away from soda, there is a growing demand for innovative beverages, particularly if they offer health benefits. Of the overall market, bottled water and other noncarbonated drinks comprise 33.5 percent of the $105 billion nonalcoholic beverage industry.

Friday's deal offered the most compelling evidence yet that coming up with a new beverage, or putting a new twist on an old one, can be lucrative. Shares of companies similar to Glaceau have surged.

For Coca-Cola, the acquisition is a way to grab a bigger share of the noncarbonated beverage market, where it has lagged behind PepsiCo. The Coke rival snapped up Gatorade as part of its acquisition of Quaker Oats in 2000 after the Coke board turned rejected a Quaker deal, an action that has haunted the company.

In recent years, Coke has made several smaller acquisitions in the United States to bolster its portfolio. In 2001, Coke bought the juice company Odwalla for $186 million, and in February, it bought Fuze Beverages for an estimated $250 million, according to Beverage Digest. *NYT*

Russia, UK clash over suspect in Litvinenko murder

MOSCOW—MOSCOW AND LONDON locked horns on Friday over where to try the chief suspect in the murder of Russian ex-spy Alexander Litvinenko, with each side insisting justice should be served on its own soil.

The clash over where to hold the trial of ex-KGB agent Andrei Lugovoi, suspected by Britain of poisoning Litvinenko in London last year, has deepened a diplomatic crisis between the two states over the killing.

"If the British side presents us with evidence of Lugovoi's guilt and we consider it sufficient, he may be brought to justice" in Russia, Justice Minister Yury Chaika said in comments broadcast on state television.

"We won't hand him over because it contradicts our constitution," Chaika said, adding that Russian investigators could check any evidence presented by the British authorities.

Britain has pointed to Russia's signature of a 1957 convention on extraditions and an agreement signed between the prosecutors of both countries last year.

"This murder was committed on UK soil, the evidence is in the UK, a UK citizen was killed and other people put at risk and it is therefore right a suspect should face justice in a UK court," British Attorney-General Peter Goldsmith said in a statement after talks with Chaika.

Litvinenko, a Kremlin critic who accused the Russian secret service of orchestrating bombings in 1999 that killed hundreds of civilians, received political asylum in Britain and British citizenship before his murder.

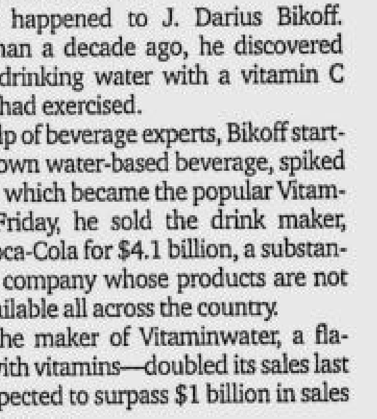
Goldsmith said he had stressed "the full seriousness of the crime" to Chaika during their meeting on the sidelines of a gathering of G8 justice ministers in Munch and that Britain would submit a full extradition request shortly.

The murder sent shockwaves through British society, where hundreds of people were tested for radiation exposure after investigators established that Litvinenko was poisoned with the rare radioactive isotope polonium-210.

Suspicion soon focused on Lugovoi, who met with Litvinenko with another man, Dmitry Kovtun, in a London hotel on Nov. 1, the same day that the former agent fell ill.

Russian authorities have opened criminal investigations for the murder of Litvinenko and the attempted murder of Kovtun. Both Kovtun and Lugovoi said earlier they have undergone checks for radiation poisoning in Moscow.

Lugovoi—a ex-Soviet KGB officer who specialized in bodyguard duties and now owns a security company and soft drinks factory—has angrily asserted his innocence. *AFP*



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Bush eyes major cut in Iraq troops in '08

WASHINGTON—THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION is developing what are described as concepts for reducing US combat forces in Iraq by as much as half next year, according to senior administration officials in the midst of the internal debate.

It is the first indication that growing political pressure is forcing the White House to turn its attention to what happens after the current troop increase runs its course.

The concepts call for a reduction in forces that could lower troop levels to roughly 100,000 by the midst of the 2008 presidential election, and they would also greatly scale back the mission that President Bush set for the military when he ordered it in January to win back control of Baghdad and Anbar.

The mission would instead focus on the training of Iraqi troops and fighting al-Qaida in Mesopotamia, while removing Americans from many of the counterinsurgency efforts inside Baghdad.

Officials say proponents of reducing the troops and scaling back their mission next year appear to include Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. They have been joined by generals at the Pentagon and elsewhere who are skeptical that the Iraqi government will use the opportunity created by the troop increase to reach political accommodations.

So far, the concepts are entirely a creation of Washington and have been developed without the involvement of the top commanders in Iraq.

One of the ideas, officials say, would be to reduce the current 20 US combat brigades to about 10, which would be completed between the spring of 2008 and the end of the year.

Several administration officials said they hoped that if such a reduction were under way in the midst of the presidential campaign, it would shift the debate from whether US forces should be pulled out by a specific deadline—the current argument consuming Washington—to what kind of long-term presence the United States should have in Iraq.

Missing from much of the current discussion is talk about the success of democracy in Iraq, officials say, or even of the passage of reconciliation measures that Bush said in January that the troop increase would allow to take place.

The officials said the proposals now being developed envision a far smaller but long-term US presence, centering on three or four large bases around Iraq. Bush has told recent visitors to the White House that he was seeking a model similar to the US presence in South Korea. *NYT*

TONY HERIZA, of Philadelphia, PA., looks at boots which are part of the "Eyes Wide Open: An Exhibition on the Human Cost of the Iraq War" in Chicago on May 25. More than 3,400 pairs of combat boots, one pair for every US soldier killed in the Iraq War, were on display. REUTERS

Spy agencies predicted problems US now faces

WASHINGTON—US INTELLIGENCE analysts predicted, in two papers widely circulated before the 2003 Iraq invasion, that al-Qaida would see US military action as an opportunity to increase its operations and that Iran would try to shape the post-Saddam Hussein era in Iraq.

The top analysts in government also said that establishing a stable democracy in Iraq would be a long and turbulent challenge.

Democrats said the documents, part of a Senate Intelligence Committee investigation released on Friday, make clear that the Bush administration was warned about the challenges it now faces as it tries to stabilize Iraq.

"Sadly, the administration's refusal to heed these dire warnings—and, worse, to plan for them—has led to tragic consequences for which our nation is paying a terrible price," said the Democratic Senate Intelligence chair, Jay Rockefeller.

But some Republicans rejected the committee's work as flawed. The committee's top Republican, Sen. Kit Bond, said the report's conclusions selectively highlight the intelligence agencies' findings that seem to be important now, distorting the picture of what was presented to policymakers.

He said the committee's work on the Iraq intelligence "has become too embroiled in politics and partisanship to produce an accurate and meaningful report."

The 229-page document was approved by a vote of 10-5, with Republican Sens. Olympia Snowe and Chuck Hagel joining with the Democrats to support its publication.

Asked about the report at his Thursday news conference, President George W. Bush stood by his decision to overthrow Hussein's government. He said he firmly believes the world is better off without President Saddam Hussein in power in Iraq.

"Going into Iraq, we were warned about a lot of things, some of which happened, some of which didn't happen," he said. "Obviously, as I made a decision ... I weighed the risks and rewards of any decision."

The investigation reviewed assessments from a number of agencies but focused on two January 2003 papers from the National Intelligence Council: "Regional Consequences of Regime Change in Iraq" and "Principal Challenges in Post-Saddam Iraq." *AP*

Former Cheney aide may draw 3 years

WASHINGTON—A SPECIAL US prosecutor has asked for former top White House aide Lewis "Scooter" Libby, convicted in a politically-charged CIA leak case, to be jailed for up to three years.

Patrick Fitzgerald made the request on Friday, less than two weeks before Libby is due to be sentenced for his role in a presumed act of political vendetta that illegally ended the career of undercover CIA officer Valerie Plame, wife of retired US diplomat Joseph Wilson.

"He has expressed no remorse, no acceptance of responsibility, and no recognition that there is anything he should have done differently," Fitzgerald wrote in his sentencing memorandum in a federal court in Washington.

He pointed out that in the course of a four-year investigation that was launched in October 2003, after Plame's name was leaked to the press in connection with an Iraq war debate, "Libby lied about nearly everything that mattered." Given these circumstances, the prosecutor said the former chief of staff of Vice President Dick Cheney should be sentenced to between 30 months and 37 months in prison.

The request marks another chapter in a long political scandal that tarnished the reputation of the administration of President George W. Bush and cast another shadow on its argument that the invasion of Iraq was necessary because the country was amassing an illicit arsenal of weapons of mass destruction.

Plame's name was first disclosed in July 2003 by conservative columnist Robert Novak following her husband's mission to Niger the previous year, during which the former US ambassador tried to verify reports that Iraq was secretly trying to purchase uranium ore there. *AFP*

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Report: Memo proves Israel knew occupation was illegal

LONDON—A SECRET MEMO PROVES THAT the Israeli government knew that its occupation of Palestinian land was illegal after it won the Six Day War in 1967, a British newspaper reported on Saturday.

Theodor Meron, who wrote the memo as the Israeli foreign ministry's legal advisor at the time, said "I believe I would have given the same opinion today," according to The Independent newspaper.

With Israel now celebrating the 40th anniversary of the war, the 76-year-old Meron, who went on to become a leading international jurist, challenges Israel's long-held argument that settlements do not violate international law.

The Independent said it obtained a copy of his legal opinion, which was marked "Top Secret" and "Extremely Urgent." Quoting its author, the newspaper said the memo concluded "that civilian settlement in the administered territories contravenes the explicit provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention." Meron also told the newspaper that then foreign minister Abba Eban was "sympathetic" to his view that civilian settlement would go against the Hague and Geneva conventions governing the conduct of occupying powers.

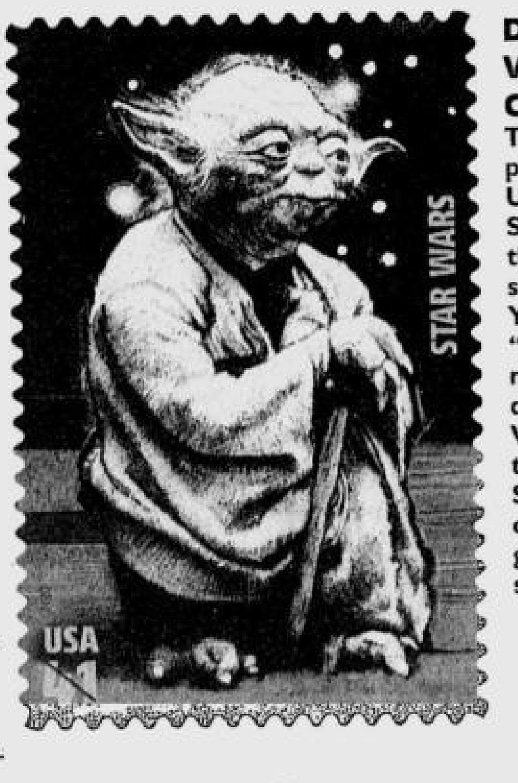
But the Labor government at the time progressively approved the settlements in the captured West Bank despite the secret legal opinion which had been passed on to then Prime Minister Levi Eshkol.

Such actions paved the way for at least 240,000 Israelis to settle in the the West Bank.

Meron, who served as president of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia until 2005, was also quoted as telling the Independent that the settlements have proven to be a real stumbling block.

"It's obvious to me that the fact that settlements were established and the pace of the establishment of the settlements made peacemaking much more difficult," he was quoted as saying.

In the Six Day War in June 1967, Israel captured the Sinai peninsula from Egypt, the Golan Heights from Syria and the West Bank and East Jerusalem from Jordan. *AFP*



DARTH VADER CONQUEROR **This image provided by the US Postal Service shows the postage stamp featuring Yoda from the "Star Wars" movies. Yoda defeated Darth Vader in voting to choose which Star Wars character would get an individual stamp this year.** AP

N. Korea fires missiles to flaunt military might

SEOUL—NORTH KOREA'S FIRST missile tests in nearly a year were aimed at showing off its military might and increasing pressure on the South over rice aid, observers said on Saturday.

But Seoul and Washington downplayed Friday's tests, calling them a "routine exercise" and dismissing any links with a continuing logjam in implementing a deal for the North to scrap its nuclear program.

Kim Tae-Woo of the state-financed Korea Institute for Defense Analyses said: "The North was apparently showing off its own weapons as South Korea launched its first Aegis destroyer." The billion-dollar ship is equipped with advanced weaponry for air and sea attack.

But he added that the tests do not pose a new security threat to the region, noting that it was unusual for the North to test ground-to-ship missiles.

The conservative opposition Grand National Party (GNP) said the North was saber-rattling ahead of inter-Korean high-level talks that open here on Tuesday.

"North Korea's missile launch is a political card aimed at pressing the South to provide it with rice aid by threatening to disturb peace on the Korean peninsula," the GNP said.

"The North must stop blackmailing with missiles to wrest rice aid (from South Korea)." Seoul is delaying a shipment of 400,000 tons of rice aid until the North starts implementing the six-party deal to end its nuclear weapons program.

Officials here said the missile tests were part of routine military training that the North carries out in the East Sea (Sea of Japan) and the Yellow Sea almost every year. *AFP*

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CYCLISTS raise their arms in clenched fist as they ride in protest over the scheduled route during yesterday's Padyak Pinoy 9th leg race from Baguio City to Clark Field in Angeles City. BOY CABRIDO

Calderon wins as top cyclists stage 'protest'

By Musong R. Castillo

CLARK FIELD, PAMPANGA—There was nothing earthshaking expected to happen in yesterday's penultimate stage of the 2007 Tanduay Padyak Pinoy—until the riders took it upon themselves to put some "drama" into it all.

Caltex skipper Joel Calderon won the lap from Baguio to this former American military base which was shortened by some 24 kilometers as none of the big guns wanted to ride the full route and instead pedaled leisurely in a huge peloton all the way.

Most of the big guns, who felt there won't be a major change in the overall standings anyway, refused to follow the original route that would have taken the entourage to here via Marcos Highway and Agoo town in La Union.

Instead of going straight after reaching a junction in Pugo town, the group wanted to make a left turn straight to Rosario town and cut 10 kilometers off the original route.

Race officials acted swiftly and declared the first 24 kilometers "null and void." They then ordered a restart from Pugo.

Calderon and four others broke away with less than 20 kilometers to the finish, and won what became a 171-km trip in 4 hours, 1 minute and 20.19 seconds.

Bernard Luzon came in second, nearly 30 seconds behind, while Dante Cagas checked in third, 38.1 seconds adrift.

Calderon, from Guimba, Nueva Ecija, remained in eighth spot but now just 8:13 behind from over 11 minutes before the lap.

The top 16 riders in the standings kept their overnight placing as the 90 survivors practically pedaled as one until that Calderon breakaway.

Calderon later said he didn't know about the "protest" the riders carried out. "What I heard was that some of the riders just wanted to take the left turn (in Pugo) and save some distance," he added in Filipino.

Some of the riders reportedly wanted the slight change in the route because there wouldn't be a shakeup in the standings anyway, with Victor Espiritu practically crowned champion after finishing fourth in the punishing Baguio-to-Baguio stage on Friday.

Espiritu kept his 29-second lead over Baler Ravina and is expected to just go through the formalities today in the final lap—an 80-km criterium race around the Rajah Sulaiman Park along Roxas Boulevard in Manila.

An initial investigation conducted by race officials pointed to Luzon, Merculio Ramos and Lloyd Reynante as instigators of the move.

"We simply cannot be held hostage by their demands," race director Paquito Rivas, himself a former champion, later said. "It would have been a bad precedent. We must follow what the race manual says."

Rivas pointed out that he and his group did not receive any request for a change in the route during the flag-off briefing in Baguio.

Another official said the riders, most especially those atop the leaderboard, may have connived to reduce the distance, make the lap easier, and prevent a shakeup.

Officials said the riders found guilty would be barred from all Philippine National Cycling Association-sanctioned events and dropped from the RP team if they are members of the national squad.

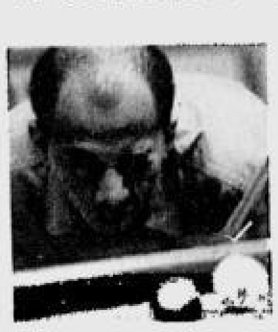
Stage 9 Baguio City to Clark

STAGE INDIVIDUAL
1. J. Calderon (Caltex) 4:01:20.19
2. B. Luzon (Cool Pap) 4:01:49.81
3. D. Cagas (Bacchus) 4:01:58.29
4. H. Mangahis (Cool Pap) 4:01:58.29
5. O. Rendole (Cool Pap) 4:01:58.29
6. J. Guevarra (Bacchus) 4:03:51.85
7. R. Burgos (Vellum) 4:03:51.85
8. M. Aleonar (Vellum) 4:03:51.85
9. C. Joven (Bacchus) 4:03:51.85
10. J. Barantes (Mail & More) 4:03:51.85
11. N. Barbalose (Vis-Min Team Selection) 4:03:51.85
12. D. Hardin (Caltex) 4:03:51.85
13. H. Sicam (Wow Magic Sing) 4:03:51.85
14. B. Ravina (Cool Pap) 4:03:51.85
15. D. Ganigan (Bacchus) 4:03:51.85
16. Z. Mateo (U-Freight) 4:03:51.85
17. S. Barnachea (Champion) 4:03:51.85
18. R. Martin (Vellum) 4:03:51.85
19. E. Quiñones (Vellum) 4:03:51.85
20. E. Atilano (Cargohaus) 4:03:51.85

OVERALL INDIVIDUAL
1. V. Espiritu (Wow Magic Sing) 31:10:33
2. B. Ravina (Cool Pap) 31:11:03
3. I. Valenzuela (Cossack Vodka) 31:12:13
4. S. Barnachea (Champion) 31:13:20
5. L. Reynante (Air21) 31:14:34
6. M. Ramos (U-Freight) 31:15:16
7. R. Sambrano (Cossack Vodka) 31:16:56
8. J. Calderon (Caltex) 31:18:47
9. E. Obosa (Bacchus) 31:29:24
10. H. Sicam (Wow Magic Sing) 31:31:14
11. D. Hardin (Caltex) 31:32:16
12. A. Quirimit (Mail & More) 31:34:13
13. C. Nadyahan (Caltex) 31:35:27
14. A. Benosa (U-Freight) 31:37:02
15. R. Hualda (Wow Magic Sing) 31:37:14
16. H. Mangahis (Cool Pap) 31:40:40
17. E. Ballozer (Cossack Vodka) 31:41:50
18. M. Aleonar (Vellum) 31:42:21
19. E. Atilano (Cargohaus) 31:42:53
20. G. Apolinar (Cool Pap) 31:42:56

OVERALL TEAM STANDINGS
1. Wow Magic Sing 127 hours, 18 minutes, 49.851 seconds
2. Cossack Vodka 127:20:13.558
3. Cool Pap 127:21:23.147
4. Caltex 127:23:35.190
5. Vellum 127:41:33.314
6. Champion 127:45:23.567
7. Air21 128:16:37.728
8. Bacchus 128:24:41.389
9. Mail & More 128:24:47.913
10. U-Freight 128:27:26.031
11. Cargohaus 129:01:38.490
12. Vis-Min Team Selection 131:31:04.568

Orcollo, 5 others unbeaten


ORCOLLO

DENNIS ORCOLLO, THE reigning World Pool Leaque and 2007 Enjoypool.com champion, dumped Darren Appleton of England, 10-4, yesterday to remain in the winner's side bracket with five other Filipino campaigners in the Predator World 10-Ball Championship Bankshot Billiards Hall in Jacksonville, Florida.

Also in strong contention were Lee Vann Corteza, the reigning 2nd BSCP National Open and 39th All Japan titlist, former world No.1 Francisco "Django" Bustamante, 2004 World Pool champion Alex Pagulayan, Marlon Manalo and US-based Al Lapeña.

The 28-year-old Orcollo, mainstay of Bugsy promotion, will face Mike Davis of the United States in the next round. Davis ripped Huidje Sey of Japan, 10-4.

Corteza, top player of Negros Billiard Stable, downed Ignacio Chavez of the United States (10-5) to arrange a showdown with Raj Hundal of the United Kingdom in the next round. Hudal nipped Japanese Hisashi Kusano, 10-8.

Bustamante beat Canadian Tyler Edey, 10-5, and American Troy Frank, 10-9, respectively, He will next face Lapeña, who bested Spaniard Antonio Fazanes, 10-9, and American Ronnie Wiseman, 10-5.

Manalo edged Swede Marcus Chamat, 10-9, and American Allen Hopkins, 10-9, while Pagulayan beat Edwin Montal, 10-5, and American Stefan Cohen, 10-8. Marlon Bernardino, Contributor

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Gregorio new BAP-SBP director

IN HUDDLE

Beth Celis

RATCHABURI, THAILAND—GOING through long stretches of nerve-grating traffic, it took us almost four hours of journey overland from the Bangkok airport to this province, site of the Seaba qualifier for the FIBA-Asia Men's championship in Tokoshima, Japan this July.

As in the past, we are expected to sweep this 6-day, 5-nation tournament with ease. Even if national cager Mick Pennisi is forced to sit out some games due to a severely infected molar that has been causing him unbearable pain.

For more than a week, Mick's face has been so swollen he could hardly eat, sleep, smile or even move his head laterally.

The infection happened while the RP quintet was still in Tehran for the Fiba Asia Champions Cup. It persisted all the way to Ratchaburi. Mick was given the option to stay in Manila to be under his dentist's care, but he would not hear of it.

He was still hurting when he suited up for the first game against Singapore, but no one would have noticed. He sank a couple of treys in the short minutes that he played.

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While the facial inflammation is now subsiding, Mick still chose to skip the reception dinner hosted by Seaba organizers for the participants last Friday night.

The show biz talent of Ranidel de Ocampo was rediscovered during the reception. I say 'rediscovered' because his teammates said this was first discovered back in Tehran, when he was asked to sing.

"Ranidel loves to sing. The notes may go off-tangent and haywire at times, but that does not deter him from singing in front of a big audience," a teammate said.

Ranidel led the team in a "Pinoy Ako' entertainment number, singing and doing some choreography which his teammates shyly followed. This was the Filipinos' contribution to the program during the fellowship night.

Each participating team in the Seaba was asked to do an entertainment number. Of course the Pinoy rendition was wildly applauded by the Pinoy gallery.

Somebody from the group swore Mark Caguioa could have given Ranidel a run for his money.

Only, Mark was too shy to sing onstage. Even with his teammates.

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Patrick "Pato" Gregorio was here with the national team when his official appointment as executive director was announced by BAP-SBP president Manny V. Pangilinan. I understand that there were only three names left in the short list for the membership and nomination committee to deliberate on last May 24.

The other two were Jay Adalem of the NAASCU and Denis Lucindo, a volunteer who has been helping MVP with SBP activities since January. He has recently been designated special assistant to the president.

Denis was nominated by Atty. Boni Alentajan, a member of the board of trustees.

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Pato had no choice but to conduct his very first press conference here before a small group of media men.

Right off, he made it clear that his role is not "to reinvent the wheel."

While in the process of immersing himself into the system, Pato said he observed that so many good programs were already in place and that all he had to do was consolidate them.

He said he looks at himself as a Philharmonic conductor, orchestrating all the instruments to make beautiful music.

"My task will be how to put everyone's act together so we can play beautiful music," he said.

He assured all concerned of his utmost professionalism and commitment to Philippine basketball.

"I am realizing how challenging my new job is," he said." I do not profess to know everything about basketball, so everyone who has anything helpful to say is welcome to say his piece," said the man who, everyone believes, now holds the most powerful position in Philippine basketball.

Or at the very least, the second most powerful next to the president.

MVP told Pato he had chosen him above everybody else because he saw in him "the spirit of unanimity."

Meaning, he has the talent or ability to unite all groups and personalities.

Whoppers end skid; Moneymen win

By Jasmine W. Payo

BURGER KING ENDED A SEVEN-GAME losing skid with a 78-75 win over Toyota Balintawak which still clinched the quarterfinal bonus due to a higher quotient in the PBL Unity Cup yesterday at the Arena in San Juan.

A game behind the Road Kings, the Whoppers needed to win by 17 points to clinch the remaining twice-to-beat advantage in the next round but could not sustain their offensive after leading by as much as 20 points earlier.

The incentive went to the Road Kings due to a higher quotient as they wound up with similar 5-7 slates with the Whoppers.

Both squads will clash again in the quarterfinals starting Tuesday, with the Road Kings only needing to win once to advance to the semifinals.

Henkel Sista booked the first quarterfinal edge last Thursday with a third-best 6-6 card.

Meanwhile, Cebuana Lhuillier-Pera Padala crushed Harbour Centre, 87-74, to rule the elimination round with a 10-2 record.

Although both teams are assured of a semifinal stint, coach Luigi Trillo said the Moneymen still took the match against the defending champion, which finished at 9-3, quite seriously.

Ken Bono delivered 20 points, nine rebounds and three assists to lead the Moneymen to a second-round sweep and conference-best seven straight wins.

Coach Lawrence Chongson said the Whoppers may be at a disadvantage, but took the triumph as a good sign heading into the next round.

The scores:

First Game

BURGER KING 78--Viray 18, Bravo 13, Quiñahan 13, Urbiztondo 11,Mendoza 6, Buenafe 5 David 5, Ballesteros 4, Garrido 3, Te 0, Del Rosario 0, Saguindel 0.

TOYOTA BALINTAWAK 75--Devance 15, Cruz 14, Cabahug 13, Rodriguez 12, Daa 7, Coching 3, Cagoco 3, Coronel 3, Guerrero 3, Dedicatoria 2, Jaime 0, Baluyot 0, Fajardo 0.

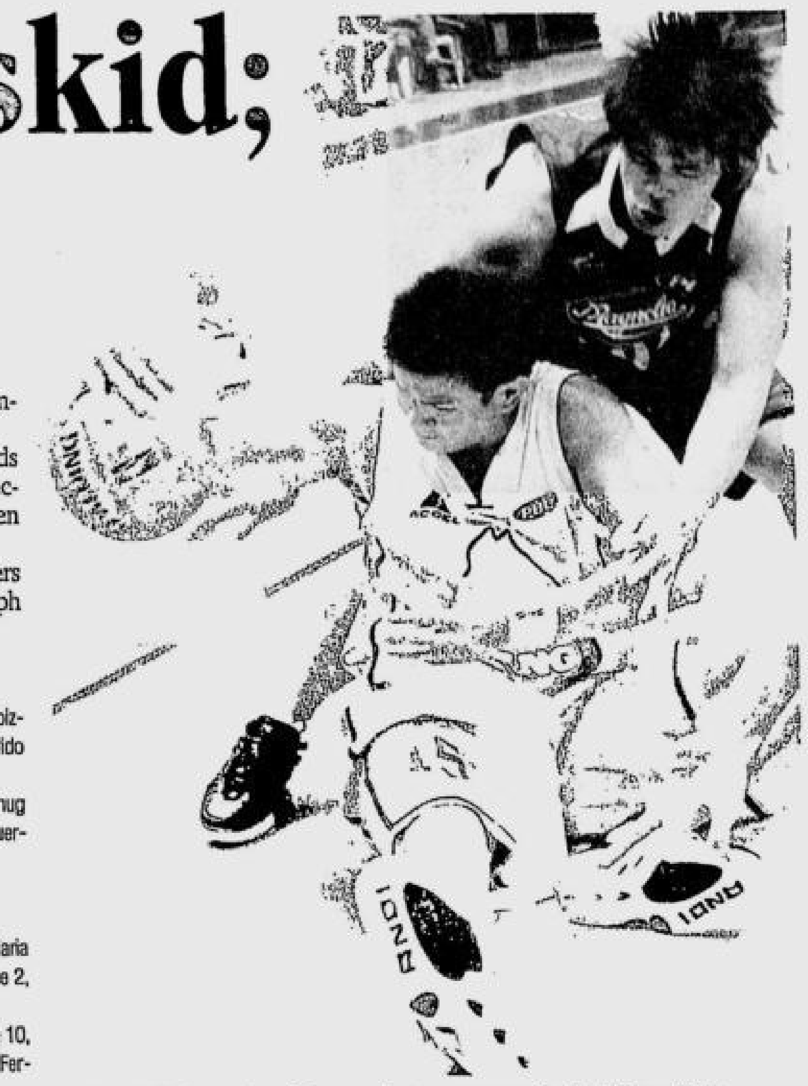
Quarters: 15-15, 37-32, 61-48, 78-75

Second Game

CEBUANA LHUILLIER 87--Bono 20, Capus 17, Sta. Maria 11, Dela Peña 9, Kramer 8, Dulay 6, Grijaldo 4, Solis 4, Yee 2, Oreta 2, Burtscher 2, Escalona 2, Dela Cuesta 0.

HARBOUR CENTRE 74--Stephens 12, Asoro 10, Lanete 10, Belga 7, Intal 7, Araña 5, Castro 5, Gamboa 4, Vergara 3, Fernandez 3, Caoati 2, Alonzo 2, Duncil 0.

Quarters: 24-14, 46-35, 73-57, 87-74



FRANCIS Mercado of Dazz tries to recover the ball from Allan Evangelista of Magnolia. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

KARTING SENSATION: Franco Puey Reyes, the 11-year-old reigning Asian Cadet 60cc champion, shows off his trophy after scoring a podium finish in the Super Cadet 100cc class in the Thailand National Kart Championships held May 18 to 20 at the Bira Race Track in Pattaya, Thailand. His trip was supported by Industria Productions and Jet Racing Team Philippines.

Athletes get first priority

By Marc Anthony Reyes

ATHLETES GET SUPREME PRIORITY OVER events.

That, in a nutshell, was the reaction of the Philippine Olympic Committee on reports to cut the number of sports disciplines included in the ambitious P250 million Olympic training program.

POC president Peping Cojuangco yesterday said focus must not be on the sports disciplines but on the athletes, especially those who have proven their worth by making it to the Beijing Olympic qualifying this early.

The Philippine Sports Commission last Thursday said it would concentrate on just four sports instead of the original plan to have 14 disciplines.

This was mainly based on the recommendation of First Gentleman Mike Arroyo, who vowed to help raise the amount from the top corporations in the country.

They chose taekwondo and boxing as major sports disciplines given their impressive record in international sports event, while shooting and fencing also join the elite cast in minor capacity.

However, Cojuangco said the move might sidetrack oher sports where the country also has a fighting chance.

This early, the country is assured of at least two Olympic slots in Beijing through veteran Miguel Molina and up-and-coming Ryan Arabejo of swimming.

"There are certain athletes that should also be given a chance," said Cojuangco in a statement. "So rather than focus on particular sports only, we should also look at potential medal-winning athletes in other sports."

But Ramirez said they will also help other sports, especially those included in the original list of 14 sports.

Santos pips Cariño for Touring title

ALVIN SANTOS OF KOTSE NETwork broke away in the final 30 meters to edge JP Cariño of Bosch Intelco recently in the second leg of the 2007 Philippine Touring Car Championship Series at the Subic International Raceway.

Cariño looked like a sure winner as he led the race's final five laps. But Santos fought back, squeezing himself between Cariño and the concrete pit wall in the last 30 meters of the front straight.

From there, a heart-stopping race ensued and when the smoke of battle cleared, Santos claimed the checkered flag by a mere hundredths of a second.

Chris Guevarra of Dickies-Shift Racing took third place while Stuart MacDonald of Tuason Racing and William Tan of Promethium Maxi-Pacific Racing wound up fourth and fifth, respectively.

"I had already given up and just told myself to do my best and make it just exciting down the stretch. I couldn't believe I pulled it off. Now I believe that it ain't over till it's over," said Santos.

Santos actually controlled most of Round 3 and won way ahead of Cariño and Guevarra.

Santos also topped the Group 3 Novice class over MacDonald and Tan while Guevarra bagged Group 3 Class C honors against runner-up Lory Uy of Velocity Motors and Jon Mark Ong of Car Movers-Team Art.

ALVIN Santos of Kotse Network (right) is about to pass JP Cariño en route to a surprise victory.

Biboy, Paeng head RP bid

THE CREAM OF ASIAN BOWLING GOES UP against the country's finest keglers as the 36th PBC-Boysen International Open Tenpin Bowling Championships rolls on June 2 at the new Mall of Asia Bowling Center.

Reigning world champion Biboy Rivera, the defending masters titlist, and four-time World Cup champ Paeng Nepomuceno spearhead the Philippine bid in the two-week bowling showcase offering close to P1.5 million in cash prizes.

"This is our biggest tournament of the year and it will be a chance for Filipino bowling fans to see the finest bowlers not only in Asia but also in the world," Steve Hontiveros, president of the organizing Philippine Bowling Congress and International Bowling Federation, said.

On the other hand, PBC secretary general Bong Coo, a nine-time PBC Open women's masters champion, said that the national teams from Thailand, Indonesia, Kuwait, Malaysia and Hong Kong are among the crack foreign squads that will vie in the event.

Malaysia will be bannered by former world masters champion and seasoned veteran Shalin Zulkifli while Singapore will be led by Jennifer Tan, the 2003 world ranking masters champ.

Also coming over is defending women's masters champion Kwang Hyun Jin of South Korea.

Rivera, who saw action recently in two international events, said he had recovered from his knee injury and was keen on defending his masters title, especially now that it offers an increased pot of P250,000 to the winner.

Nepomuceno, a seven-time PBC Open masters champion, said he would be competing in the men's singles, doubles and team competitions of the kegfest.

However, Paeng said he was yielding his place on the national squad for the younger bowlers.

Pilot Series on; Harbour backs Manila

HARBOUR CENTRE OWNER MIKEE Romero has thrown his all-out support to the title campaign of Manila in the Baseball Philippines Pilot Series which starts today at the Rizal Memorial Baseball Stadium.

Manila battles Laguna at 1 p.m., following the Cebu-Makati inaugural tussle at 9 a.m.

"We hope we could help sustain the resurgence of the sport in the youth and adult sectors," said Romero. "We are committed to help Philippine sports that's why we're helping this noble project."

The youthful Romero has earlier been named as the godfather of amateur basketball in the country for his generosity and involvement in several leagues, foremost of which is the Philippine Basketball League.

Aside from owning a team in the PBL, Romero also bankrolled the Philippine team that won the SEABA Club Championships in Jakarta last month.

"Just like in basketball, we also dream of regaining our status as one of the best in Asia," said Romero. "We were a force to reckon with in the past, I hope we could relive our magic."

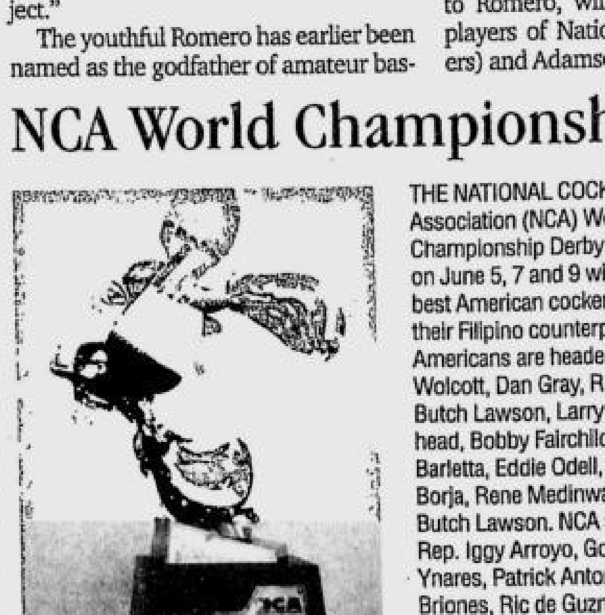
The Harbour-Manila team, according to Romero, will be comprised by star players of National University (9 players) and Adamson (3).

The team, which will be known as Sharks, will be reinforced by several members of the national team to boost its campaign in the event organized by Community Sports, Inc. (CSI), a joint venture of Sports Vision Management Group, Inc. and Pure Play Sports Management, Inc.

Tricia Sandejas, business development manager of Harbour, is convinced the team has the needed ingredients—a solid pitching rotation and a battery of heavy hitters—to challenge Cebu (La Salle) and Makati (University of Santo Tomas) for the title.

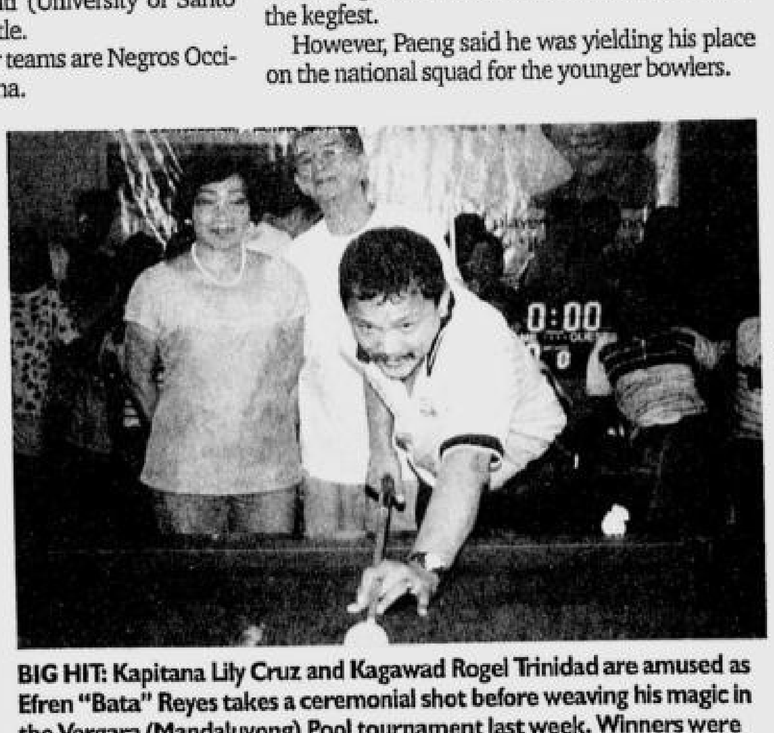
The two other teams are Negros Occidental and Laguna.

NCA World Championship Derby June 5



THE TROPHY done by National Artist Eduardo Castrillo.

THE NATIONAL COCKER'S Association (NCA) World Championship Derby in Pasay on June 5, 7 and 9 will pit the best American cockers against their Filipino counterparts. The Americans are headed by Joe Wolcott, Dan Gray, Roy Ogol, Butch Lawson, Larry Whitehead, Bobby Fairchild, Larry Barletta, Eddie Odell, Sonny Borja, Rene Medinwa, and Butch Lawson. NCA stalwarts Rep. Iggy Arroyo, Gov. Ito Ynares, Patrick Antonio, Rey Briones, Ric de Guzman, Michael Co, Lando Celebre, JV Magsaysay, Ruel Ricafort, Edgar Santos, Ruy Albano, Pico Berin, Sec. Ronnie Puno, Manny Pacquiao, Jerry Ramos, Tony Lasalla, Benjie Lim, Eric dela Rosa, Bebot Villar, Art Sevilla, Edwin Santos, Jun Santiago, Essie Malilin, Edwin Abella, Boy Jiao, Manny Santos, Efren Canlas, Mario Villamor, Jun Jingco, Jet Fernando, Madlangbayan Brothers, Boyet Joson Ellan Nagaño and Ricky Valencia promise to give the Americans a good fight. Eddie Araneta, William Go, James Uy, Allan Cisco, Joey and Buboy delos Santos, William Co, Bebot Uy, Jun Marasigan, Pol Estrellado, Danny Soriano, Dong Chung, Danny Alejo, Ricky Gonzales, Philip Chiongbian, Elwin Javelosa, Chito Tingsay, Marfori and Nene Abello have also signed up.



BIG HIT: Kapitana Lily Cruz and Kagawad Rogel Trinidad are amused as Efren "Bata" Reyes takes a ceremonial shot before weaving his magic in the Vergara (Mandaluyong) Pool tournament last week. Winners were Levi Sambrano in Class A and Bokbok De La Cuesta in Class B. FE LACSAMANA

Altas, Tams, Cardinals eye quarterfinals

Games Today (The Arena)
2 p.m. UST vs FEU
4 p.m. La Salle vs Perpetual
6 p.m. UE vs. Mapua

MAPUA SETS ITS SIGHTS ON A QUARTERfinal berth while the chances of Far Eastern University and Perpetual Help hinge on each other's performance as the Filoil-Flying V Pre-Season Invitational Cup enters the penultimate playing day of the elimination round today at The Arena in San Juan.

A win by the Cardinals over the University of the East Warriors in the 6 p.m. main game will send them to the next round along with fellow Group B squads La Salle and National University.

However, a Mapua loss would allow Letran to tie at 3-4 while also giving Philippine Christian University a slim chance to equal their marks with a victory against San Beda College on June 1.

The quotient system will be used in case of ties.

FEU eyes a win against University of Santo Tomas at 2 p.m. and will hope for a La Salle victory over Perpetual Help in the 4 p.m. match for a trouble-free ride to the quarterfinals.

San Beda would also qualify outright as neither Perpetual nor University of the Philippines would be able to catch the Red Lions' 3-2 slate.

But if FEU loses and Perpetual wins, the Altas get the quarterfinal seat.

Should both FEU and Perpetual win or lose, the quotient system will be applied as they would emerge with 2-4 cards.

The Green Archers will try to improve on their 4-1 card to strengthen their hold on the top spot in Group B.

UE is already in the Group A quarterfinals while UST is still fighting for a slot in Group B.

Jose Rizal University has also qualified to the Group A quarterfinals.

The quarterfinal round which begins on June 4 would pit the No. 1 team against the No. 4 while the No. 2 and No. 3 squads collide.

The group winners meet in the June 11 semifinal while the championship game is set on June 13. *Romina S. Austria*

Miller, Williams eyed for RP five

WILLIE MILLER: Prime prospect

By Francis Ochoa

RATCHABURI, THAILAND—WHETHER OR not the Philippines completes a sweep in the current Southeast Asian Basketball Association (Seaba) men's championship here, no player in the current roster would be assured of a slot to the Fiba-Asia tournament this July.

"We still have to evaluate the performances of the players," RP coach Chot Reyes said, reiterating that the team's goal will be to qualify for the Asian men's championship that will be held in Tokushima, Japan.

That tournament will serve as the qualifier to the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Aside from performances, Reyes added that injuries may force the makeup of the squad, just as they did in the current team.

Multitasking swingman Tony dela Cruz was relegated to the injured list after spraining an ankle, forcing the RP coaching staff to call in high-flying Air21 forward Ni no "KG" Canaleta. Red Bull's 6-foot-9 reinforcer, Mick Pennisi is also suffering from a sore gum and may miss the squad's first game in this tournament.

Reyes added that he was seriously looking at two players who have a legitimate shot at slots to the national roster for the Tokushima joust: Alaska playmaker Willie Miller and Sta. Lucia super rookie Kelly Williams.

In the meantime, Reyes hopes that the Philippine Basketball Association will adjust its rules of officiating to keep up with the international style of play.

"We can keep the 12 minutes per quarter and the six fouls per player rule if we want, but we really need to allow more physicality in the pro league if we want to get used to the international style of play," said the national mentor.

Reyes said the league calls a lot of fouls that international referees let go, such as handchecks and hard, lateral-moving screens.

Meanwhile, RP-Harbour Centre coach Junel Baculi joined the national squad here to scout the Southeast Asian teams that the Philippines will play in the Thailand SEA Games.

Baculi, however, has his eyes squarely on Thailand's national squad, which will enjoy the comforts of playing at home. The Philippines is a traditional heavyweight in Southeast Asian hoops, but it missed the last SEA Games because it fell under Fiba suspension due to a leadership squabble.

Baculi is accompanied here by Louie Alas.

Baculi hopes to talk to the PBA in the hopes of getting next year's batch of rookies to suit up for the biennial meet.

Harbour Centre team owner Mikee Romero also has a pending request to allow a handful of pros to reinforce the national squad for the SEA Games.

Lariba holds future of table tennis

THE FUTURE OF PHILIPPINE TABLE tennis may lie with a pint-sized *probinsiyana* with a precocious game.

In an awesome display of stamina and skill, Ian Nietes Lariba copped three singles titles in the Stiga-National Selection and Age Group Table Tennis Championships at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum last Friday.

The 12-year-old Cagayan de Oro City southpaw ruled the 13-under, 16-under and Women's Open divisions, where she brushed aside former national players en route to completing an 8-0 sweep of the round robin finals.

Even more astounding, Lariba compiled an unbeaten run of 44 matches stretching back to the preliminaries of all three categories of the event.

"We will try to push with the PSC to subsidize Lariba's training," said Tatap president Valbuena . "Her talent is too good to waste.

"Lariba is a one-of-a-kind table tennis wonder whose exceptional skill should be honed," echoed executive vice president Alvin Carranza and TATAP board member Joey Sy.

Lariba, the eldest of two siblings of Antonio and Imelda Lariba, has won the last three Palarong Pambansa elementary girls' championships. She is a protégé of table tennis patron Jackson Tan.

IAN Lariba (right) with Victor Valbuena .

SPORTSWATCH

MBT-BAYAN: Air Relay shocks TeleTech

UPSETS ROCKED THE OPENING OF THE MBT-BAYAN CALL CENTER LEAGUE over the weekend as Air Relay stunned defending champion TeleTech, 80-61, in Group A at the RTU gym in Mandaluyong. Rosito Ocampo presided over Air Relay's offense with 22 points to jumpstart the Scott Nagle-led team's campaign in the event backed by Bayan Telecommunications. Chris Sta. Maria and Mitchell Lantano supported him with a combine 22 points. Raffy Macapagal paced TeleTech with 22 points. In other Group A games, Epixtar downed ICT, 80-49 and Alorica of coach Francis Fontanoza and Khrismar Concepcion trounced Pacific Connexion, 55-40. Marzeron Barreiro, Franklin Sarmiento and Allan Cruz combined for 38 points for Epixtar. NCO Group pulled off a 57-52 win over Convergy's through the efforts of Jasper Valera, Adrodan Santos and Roldan Sigua in Group B. HSBC, behind the 24-point performance of Mark Lindaya, routed Branders, 71-48, and Sitel waylaid Sykes-Asia, 68-54.

WINNERS: Quezon City councilor and sports advocate Ariel Inton (left) raises the hand of cue master Dennis Orcollo, the reigning World Pool League champion and winner of the recent 2007 Enjoypool.com in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Jao, Aguilar together again in superbike race

ALTHOUGH DEFENDING CHAMPION JOLET JAO OF SHELL ADVANCE-Kawasaki is up for another win, the entry of 11-time motocross titlist Glenn Aguilar could change the scenario of the second leg of the 2007 Shell Advance Superbikes Series today at the Batangas Racing Circuit in Rosario, Batangas. It's been a while since both Jao and Aguilar got together in one race. Though Jao is in the Expert class, Aguilar's superbikes debut in the Novice division could veer the competition in the combined race to a higher level. Aguilar is reportedly bringing in two teammates and if this is a signal of his serious intentions for the Expert crown next year, Jao will surely have a tougher season to look up to. Jao is yet to deal with his set-up problems, the main reason while he yielded the second race to Malco Buncio of Yamaha in the season opener of this event.

KING OF THE ROAD: Marathon organizer Rudy Biscocho, Adidas Phils. president and managing director Joey Singian (right) and chief finance officer Jose Orense (left) sign the memorandum of agreement for the staging of the Adidas King of the Road race to be held simultaneously in Metro Manila and the cities of Tarlac, San Fernando in La Union, Laoag, Puerto Princesa, Cagayan de Oro, Davao, Cebu, Iloilo and Tacloban on July 1. Behind are Goody Custodio and Mitch Maskarino.

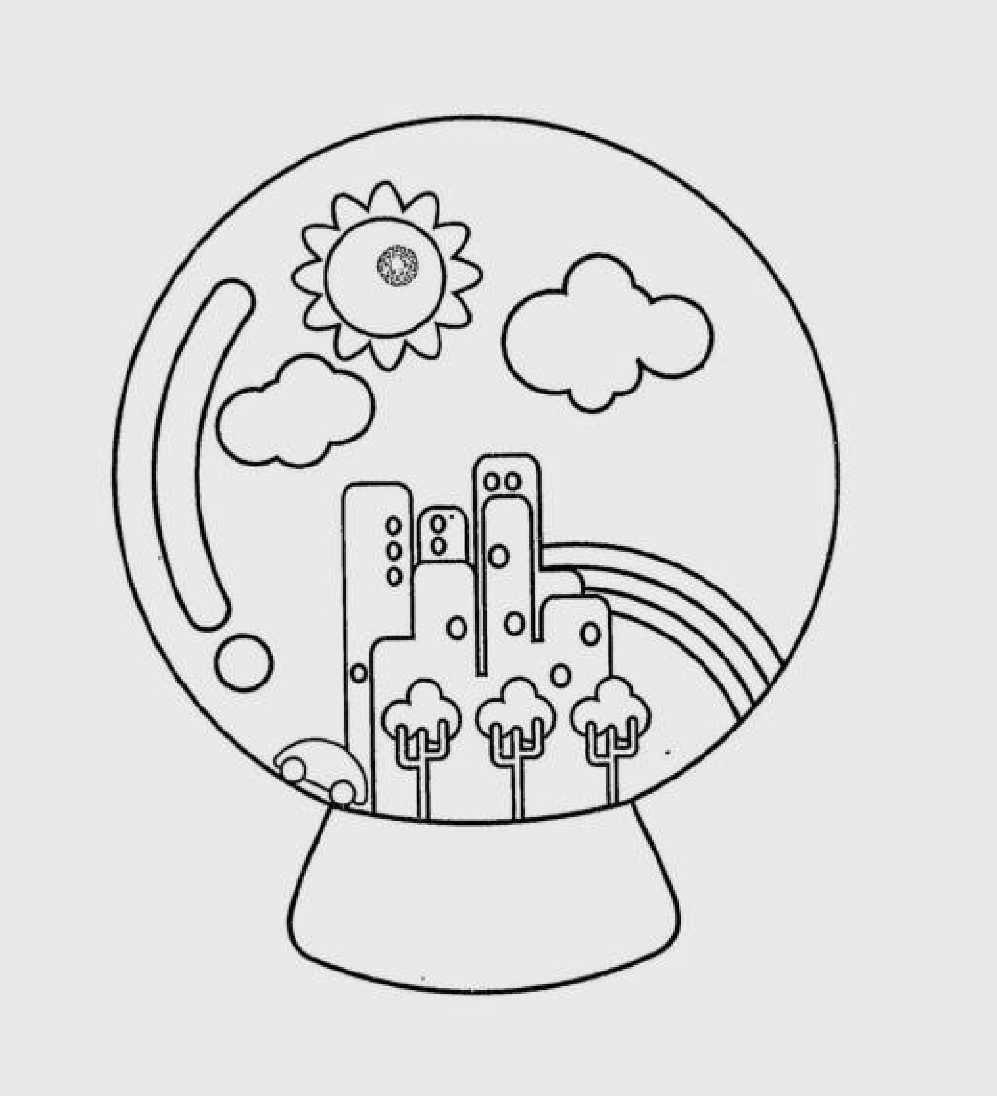
Manila S'woods Inv'l up

WITH THE RENOVATION of the Masters course complete, the Manila Southwoods Golf and Country Club will give its members a first look of the souped-up layout by Jack Nicklaus via the 2007 Invitational tournament which is set to fire off on Wednesday in Carmona, Cavite.

The four-day tournament is a two-man team, 36-hole modified Stableford scoring competition composed of a Southwoods member and his guest. An entry fee of P8,000 is assessed each team which includes a giveaway, green fee, two practice rounds, dinner and a chance at the raffle.

All teams will be divided into four groups based on the handicap of the Southwoods member.

A Mitsubishi Lancer GLX Manual courtesy of Mitsubishi Motors and Diamond Motors, and an eight-day, seven-night Royal Caribbean Mexicana Riviera Cruise for two plus Korean Air business class tickets to Manila-Los Angeles-Manila headline the list of hole-in-one prizes. A four-day, three-night El Nido Resort package for two, a Club Car Precedent golf cart, and an SYM Bonus-100 Motorbike are also up for grabs.



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Spurs target 3-0

SALT LAKE CITY—THE FANS WILL BE wearing "True Blue" shirts, cheering at the right times and groaning when officials make calls against their team, all the things that have helped the Utah Jazz win every home game this postseason.

But can the crowd fix a leaky defense? Or get struggling shooters to find their touch?

If not, this may be the final weekend of cheering for several months.

Utah is down 2-0 to the San Antonio Spurs going into Game 3 of the Western Conference finals Saturday night.

While the Jazz overcame that deficit in the first round against Houston, starting their rally with two home wins, they know they likely need to take both these games to pull it off again. Game 3 is the biggie, because no NBA team has ever overcome a 3-0 playoff deficit.

"We can't just bank on the fact that we're going to be at home to win it for us," forward Carlos Boozer said Friday. "We've got to show up."

The Jazz haven't done that so far. Both games in San Antonio were decided by halftime, with Utah not even holding the lead since the first quarter of the first game.

It's quite a contrast to Cleveland, which is down 2-0 in the Eastern Conference finals, but at least had a chance to win both games in the final minute.

The Spurs deserve much of the credit for this throttling.

Tim Duncan has been efficient as ever and Tony Parker has been a blur, zipping into the lane at will. Add in Manu Ginobili's scoring as a reserve and some timely shots by other role players, and it seems the only thing San Antonio has to worry about is boredom.

"We're playing as well as we have all year long," said Duncan, who is averaging 26.5 points, 12 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 3.5 blocks this series. *AP*

WILL the San Antonio Spurs celebrate a third time? REUTERS

Nadal, Henin open Garros defense

PARIS—ROGER FEDERER BELIEVES HIS CLAYCOURT confidence is at an all-time high as he launches his bid to win a first ever French Open title.

The 26-year-old world number one has made a habit of monopolizing the other three Grand Slam tournaments on the calendar, routinely waltzing to four Wimbledons, three US Opens and three Australian Open titles.

But in Paris, Federer has suffered the same demoralizing fate as similar gifted predecessors—McEnroe, Becker, Sampras—who all came up short on the unforgiving red clay of the French capital.

The Swiss star, however, insists his first claycourt win over nemesis and double defending Roland Garros champion Rafael Nadal in the Hamburg Masters final last week has put him back into the driving seat.

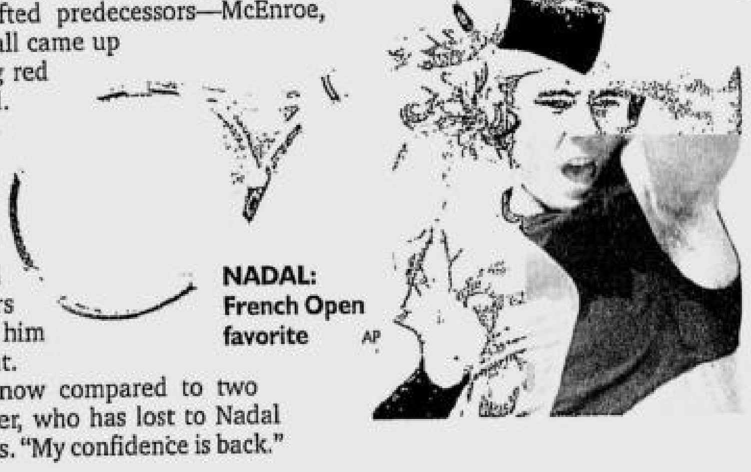
"I feel a lot better now compared to two weeks ago," said Federer, who has lost to Nadal here in the last two years. "My confidence is back."

Despite the plaudits and the readiness of history books to be rewritten, it's Nadal who remains the favorite to win a third straight French Open title, a record achieved only by Bjorn Borg (1978-1981) in the open era.

Justine Henin also takes aim at a third successive French Open title with her professional and personal life evenly balanced after her marriage crumbled.

Furthermore, the Belgian world number one is determined to prove once again that being petite is no barrier to Grand Slam success.

"I have this image of being a girl not as tall as the others, not as strong as the others," said Henin who is aiming to become the first woman since Monica Seles (1990-92) to win the title three times in a row. *AFP*


NADAL: French Open favorite AP

Rose, Cabrera post 1-stroke lead in BMW

VIRGINIA WATER, ENGLAND—Justin Rose birdied the last three holes Friday for a 2-under 70 and a share of the halfway lead with 2005 champion Angel Cabrera in the BMW PGA Championship.

Cabrera eagled the first hole and added four birdies, including 18, in a bogey-free 66 for an 8-under 136 and a share of a one-stroke lead.

Ross Fisher, a 26-year-old who grew up playing at the Wentworth Club in Virginia Water and is a member, finished birdie-eagle-birdie for a 67 that left him in third along with Marcus Fraser, who shot 70.

Two-time U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen shot a 74 and missed the cut with a 6-over 150. Also missing the cut were Darren Clarke (76-148) and 2005 US Open champion Michael Campbell (75-153). *AP*

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6	71	RAMOS, MERCULIO	U-FREIGHT	31h15'16"	31h15'16"	00h04'42"
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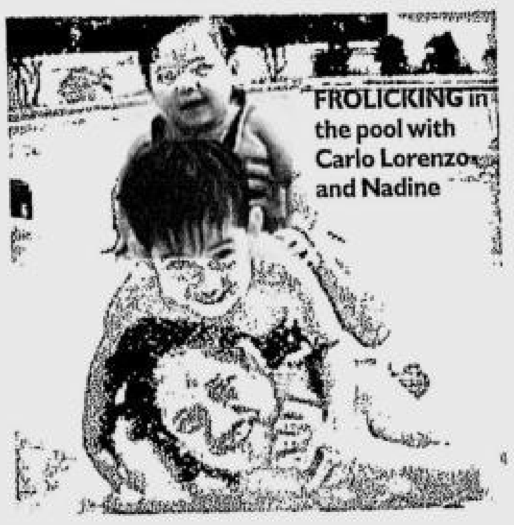

FROLICKING in the pool with Carlo Lorenzo and Nadine

New Philips CEO talks about selling light bulbs like soap

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

SELL LIGHT BULBS THE WAY YOU SELL soap and shampoo.

This was the challenge that faced new Philips Electronics & Lighting Inc. CEO and country manager Rico A. Gonzales six years ago when he joined the lighting division of the Dutch firm.

FIRST JOB

At that time Philips Lights was the market leader with a 40-percent market share. The regional head at that time told him to “explore fast moving consumer goods (FMCG) technology in sales and marketing for lighting.”

Rico says he recalls asking why, when Philips was already no. 1 in the market.

The head simply told him “I am not after the now, but the sustainability of this position.”

The words held a valuable lesson for the then mid-career executive who had left an associate director post at Procter & Gamble, in charge of building volume and market share of the firm’s skin & beauty care category, to sell light bulbs.

At Philips, Rico became a member of the Sales and Marketing Blackbelt-Asean group that represents the top one percent high potential employees taken from the line assignments to initiate process changes in their respective organization. The blackbelt group is also a pool where Philips gets future members of its top management.

Before starting with Philips, Rico visited the lighting sections of different stores.

He realized that, much like products he previously handled in P & G, light bulbs were not much different in the sense that, there were many to choose from, which only served to confuse most consumers.

He talked to the sales people and learned that most consumers dealt with the problem of buying light bulbs by simply bringing the old broken one and asking for exactly the same product.

It was a cluttered world, and Rico knew the principles in FMCG could easily be applied to lights.

“We went into category management (dividing the different products into groups and sub-groups, categorizing them) and helped retailers,” he explains.

He admits that sales went up only in some cases but, “at a minimum, the shopping experience becomes easy.”

A test case was done in Iloilo. In six months, sales went up by 37 percent.

According to Rico, Philips changed the way bulbs were sold. In the past, the manufacturers would simply “load the market.” This meant that, if they wanted to sell P1 million worth of products, they would give the retailers the equivalent amount in volume and left it with them how to sell the light bulbs.

“Under the FMCG way, we try to do it together. We link up sales and marketing. We

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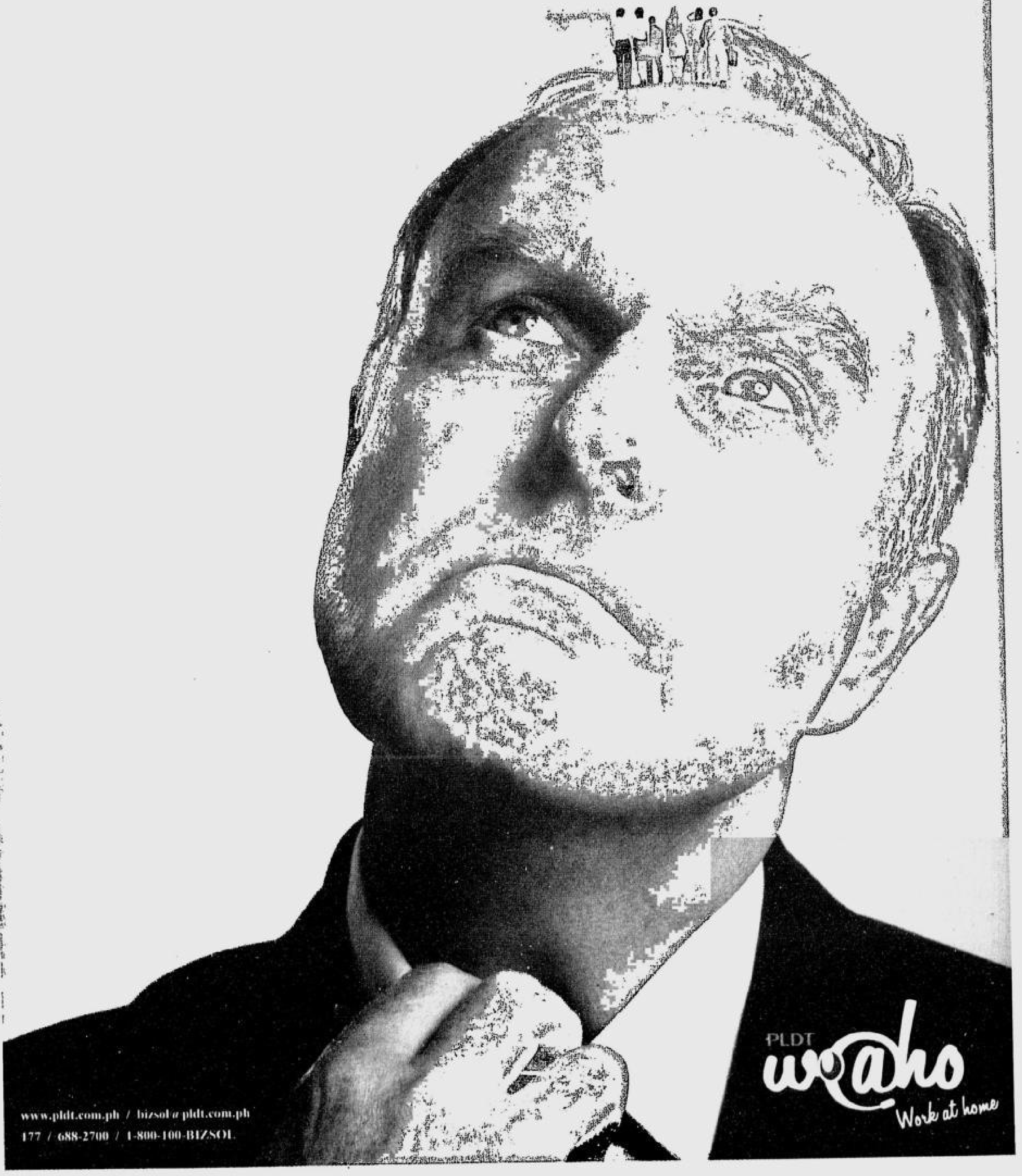

Sweat drink, anyone?

Japanese sports drink flows in the Philippines

By Alexa H. Bacay

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AT FIRST, THE NAME "POCARI Sweat" might be met with raised eyebrows. It is after all, a sports drink and the word sweat might lead a person to think he might be drinking sweat.

Pocari Sweat is a popular sports drink in Japan, and countries such as Indonesia, Hong Kong, Korea, Malaysia, Thailand, China, Singapore and the United Arab Emirates.

Pocari means clouds floating in the sky, says Pol Dimerin, sales and marketing director of Otsuka (Philippines) Pharmaceutical Inc.

"Japan is a noun-centered country, so when they say it's 'sweat,' they actually mean, body fluids," Dimerin explains. "Therefore, Pocari is the replacement of lost body fluids."

Pocari Sweat is what is known as an electrolytes- and carbohydrates-containing beverage (ECB).

ECBs or sports drinks are taken to help athletes rehydrate and replenish lost electrolytes and other important minerals during strenuous activities.

Dr. Benjamin Co, medical director of Otsuka, explains that ECBs are not to be confused with isotonic or power drinks because ECBs are taken mainly to replace lost electrolytes when one sweats, while isotonic drinks contain caffeine.

But Co says it is not only athletes who lose a lot of carbohydrates and electrolytes but also common people.

"Every time we move, especially now when it's really, really hot out there, we lose a lot of electrolytes. These are what we call physiological losses," Co explains.

This loss must be replaced but not with water alone, because then one would only be filled with excess water that can be lost through urination.

ECBs, on the other hand, are absorbed quickly by the body replenishing the electrolytes lost during sweating.

"The more you sweat, the more you have to drink," Co further explains. He says that when one starts to feel thirsty, it actually means that the person has already been dehydrated by 2 percent of his body weight. "You don't need to wait until you're thirsty, because by that time you'd end up having to hydrate yourself more."

Pocari has no artificial flavor and preservatives. Also, aside from water, it contains sodium, magnesium, potassium and notably, calcium, which is not present in the other brands.

Pocari has no food coloring unlike most ECBs in the market which could increase acidity (Ph level). The more acidic they are, the more chances that they would ruin the enamel of your teeth, explains Co. That's why Pocari leads the other sports drink with its calcium content. Also, calcium and magnesium keeps the bones strong.

"The good thing about Japanese companies is that we practice appropriate ethics," Co says. "We'd like to conduct clinical studies before we divulge information. Many Japanese companies want appropriate health for themselves and therefore also for us."

Pocari was first introduced in Japan in 1980 mainly as a sports drink, which later on evolved to general beverage.

Ostuka has been selling pharmaceutical products in the Philippines for more than 10 years and Pocari is its first consumer product.

To launch this well-known Japanese-originated drink, Otsuka Pharmaceuticals Inc. donated P100,000 worth of Pocari Sweat to the DSWD to be distributed to communities prone to dehydration.

According to Dimerin, Pocari is going to be promoted in two ways—via doctors and direct to consumers.

By relying on the strength of Otsuka as a pharmaceutical company, Dimerin says medical representatives are going to promote the drink to doctors because Pocari can be administered to patients suffering dehydration.

"We want to utilize our strength in ethical promotions and because there are clinical studies to support our claim. In short, this product is research-based," says Dimerin.

Direct-to-consumers promotion will be achieved through sponsorship of sports activities, promos and of course, advertising.

Being the official drink of the recently concluded Doha Asian games in Qatar, Pocari hopes to get a share of the market in the Philippines. So far, response has been good and there have been repeat orders from leading drugstores, supermarkets and even golf courses, Dimerin says.

"The company is happy with its entry phase," Dimerin says.

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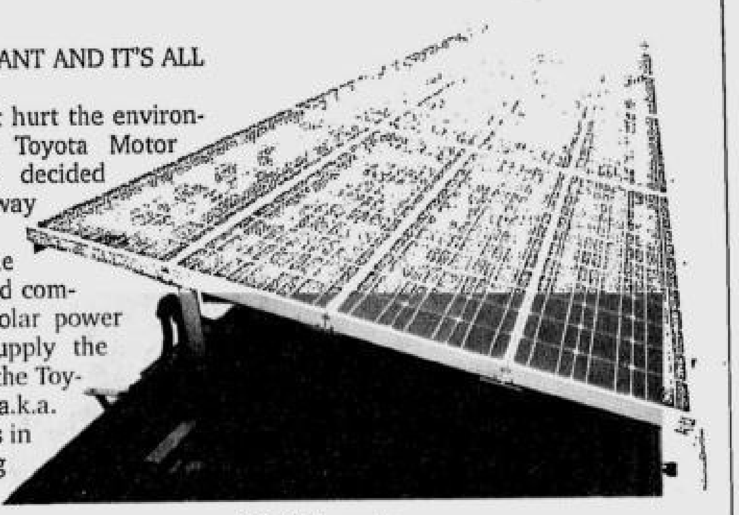
Tapping the power of the sun

By Abigail L. Ho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Best of all, it doesn't hurt the environment—which is why Toyota Motor Philippines Corp. has decided that solar power is the way to go.

Earlier this month, the Sta. Rosa, Laguna-based company switched on a solar power system that would supply the power requirement of the Toyota Activity Center (a.k.a. the gym) and the lights in the employees' parking lot within the manufacturing complex.

The solar power system from Shell Solar Philippines Corp. can generate 6,600 watt-hours of power a day.

The complete solar power package includes 44 units of Shell SM50 photovoltaic (PV) modules at 50 watt-peak, a battery bank, PV controller, power inverter and system protections.

Toyota Philippines first vice president Lito Aligada says the installation of the solar power system makes sense for the company, especially as this will initially be used for the gym and the parking lot lights.

"We noticed that the activity center is only being used at night for a few hours, when the employees are on their dinner break. In the daytime, it doesn't need an energy source because of the sunlight. So we figured it would make sense to give it an alternative energy source, take the entire gym out of the power grid," he relates.

Solar power, he says, makes the most sense. After the initial investment on the solar power system, power for the gym and the parking lot lights will already be free.

Cost savings

"Solar came out as a reasonable option. A couple of years ago, we started investigating this," he says, adding how Shell Solar was a huge help in this area.

Shell Solar helped Toyota Philippines integrate the solar power system into the design of the gym.

He says the company expects to generate significant savings on energy costs, even if only the gym and the employees' parking lot are powered by the solar power system.

The actual savings, however, can only be quantified six months after the system's installation.

But even more than the expected cost savings, Aligada says Toyota Philippines is more concerned about the environmental benefits of using a renewable power source within its facility.

"The savings—that's a good reason for us to go into renewable energy. But that's not our primary reason for implementing the solar power system. Our objective is really to reduce the burden of our operations on the environment, seeing as we're producing vehicles that produce carbon emissions," he says.

Toyota Philippines president Hiroshi Ito says the company is committed to doing its part in helping preserve the environment.

"With the switch-on of this solar power system, we are continuing our mission of continually searching for and harnessing the best technology available to improve our operations, especially with regard to its impact on the environment," he says.

"With the solar power system, we are not only conserving energy, but we are also contributing to the reduction in emissions from the use of traditional sources of electric power," he adds.

For his part, Shell Companies in the Philippines country chair Edgar Chua says the company is looking forward to more solar installations in other areas of the Toyota manufacturing complex.

Aligada says, however, that there are no plans at the moment for the expansion of its solar power system to cover other parts of the manufacturing complex.

"We want to study the technology first, evaluate it for a couple of years. We'd like to look at its utilization, see how the whole thing will work out," he explains.

Ito says that while the installation of the solar power system makes Toyota the first industrial firm to use this new PV technology from Shell Solar, he hopes the company will not be the last.

Serving as a catalyst

Both Toyota and Shell are hoping that this partnership will encourage other corporate and industrial entities to install solar power systems in their building facilities.

"Toyota believes that energy conservation and efficiency will certainly go a long way in the preservation of our planet's rich natural resources while promoting a healthy environment for the people. Applying technological advancements to our operations has been our tried and tested approach towards environmental conservation," Ito says.

"Doing good business should not be re-

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find out what to do to increase sales."

One of the major components of the strategy was to focus on the customers—to know what they want, much like the way soap and shampoo makers target a particular need or gap in the market.

Proof of the success of the program was that, it was replicated nationwide and adopted in other Asean countries.

"It proved then that RP may not be the biggest market [for Philips lights] but it is the biggest in ideas," Rico says.

RODEL ROTONI

RICO lives by the tenet "Begin with the end in mind"

Starting things from scratch or innovating is not new to the 42-year-old Rico, who is best guided by two principles: Begin with the end in mind—part of Stephen Covey's Seven Habits—and, think big.

"You can apply these anywhere," says the UP Business Administration graduate who had dreamed of becoming a company CEO one day. But he was not expecting it to come this early.

Although academic prowess was not his forte, other achievements indicate an eventual path of success for the man who first wanted to be a lawyer but had to think business because he grew up in an entrepreneurial family.

"I was an on and off honor student. Did badly in Spanish, Accounting and Math. However, I did very well in all other subjects *kaya bitin* to get a cum laude."

After finishing high school in Don Bosco, he spent a couple of years in UP Manila where he and friends started the Bakbakan Sportsfest to "liven up the campus." This became a legacy in UP Manila. He became active in the student council even while he had already transferred to Diliman.

Right after graduation he worked at the UP Computer Literacy Program where he taught computer programs. At P2,500 a month, it was a decent job.

A year after, P&G came knocking on his door and with an offer of P4,600 a month, Rico grabbed the opportunity.

Giant firms like Procter & Gamble or Unilever are known for getting only the crème de la crème of new graduates almost yearly. Most of those who leave the firms usually end up with high posts in other firms.

At P&G he started as a trade sales section manager. His job involved out of Manila assignments to Laguna, Batangas, Romblon where he would visit several outlets daily that included markets and *sari-sari* stores, and sell different P&G products. He worked up the corporate ladder until, in 2000, the firm decided to create regional hubs for marketing and finance. That time, he was set to be moved to Singapore.

He was not sure he wanted to move out of Manila. Then the Philips offer came.

Ironically, in 2004, he was posted by Philips to Singapore as GM for Lighting Singapore and Asean Channel Development.

Early this year, former Philips CEO Med Mateo retired. Gonzales was then given the spot.

"Philips is a very innovative company. It started as a technology company, and is now into healthcare and lifestyle," Rico says.

A major project of Philips is Oret, where the firm contributed 22 million euros, or some P1.8 billion worth of equipment, to the Philippine Heart Center and five hospitals throughout the country to benefit patients who have no means to access specialized diagnostic machines.

At the end of the day, Rico says the key to whatever business you are in is "do not mix yourself in the crowd. Make sure you do something where you stand out."

It was much like what he did with his life.

Wanted: Business plans for poverty reduction and profit in BiD Challenge

WITH THE DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING, Netherlands-based Business in Development (BiD) Network Foundation and the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) are making a final call for entries to its online business plan competition, the Philippine BiD Challenge 2007. Deadline is on May 31, 2007.

BiD Network Foundation runs BiD Challenge and the website www.bidnetwork.org. Its mission is to contribute to sustainable economic development in developing countries by stimulating small and medium sized entrepreneurship that creates jobs and raises income.

To participate in the Philippine BiD Challenge, go to http://Philippines.bidnetwork.org (or call 527-7741 local 103/104) and submit a three-page plan online on or before May 31, 2007. The total prize money is a whopping P2,500,000.

You can join Philippine BiD Challenge if (1) you are resident of or based in the Philippines, (2) your business is or will be set up in the Philippines, (3) you want to start up or expand your business, (4) your business will create jobs and raise income, and (5) you are seeking between P 300,000 to P30,000,000 in investments.

"The potential of the Filipino is still untapped," says John van Duursen, director and cofounder of BiD Network Foundation. "There is no access to risk capital in this country," he points out.

"Internationally, there's so much money available, but it's not being mobilized. Our goal is to increase the amount of money available for entrepreneurs in developing countries," says Duursen.

BiD Network links international expertise and funds with local entrepreneurship. It has identified what it calls a "missing middle problem"—a financing gap of $5,000 to $500,000 where microfinance stops and commercial finance starts for SMEs in developing countries. BiD Networks aims to fill that gap by helping find, identify and verify good business propositions in developing countries through BiD Challenge.

The call of BiD Network and PBSP is also for partner organizations and professionals to join as screeners, coaches and potential capitalists and business partners.

"All costs incurred, like telephone expense, will be reimbursed. You get access to inspirational business plans. You get into an international and national network of experts. You get to expand your network," encourages Duursen.

Philippine BiD Challenge needs screeners, either Filipino or international experts based in the Philippines, to read and assess the business plans online. "The top business plans get coaches from various fields of expertise, like legal, finance or marketing. The goal of having coaches is to improve the business plan," explains Duursen.

The mechanics of Philippine BiD Challenge is: Every business plan entry will be read three times, beginning with a pre-screening. Incomplete submissions and those promoting violence or immorality are immediately disqualified. The top 50 business plans will enter a 2nd round and will receive coaching. Those among the 50 who make the grade cutoff will participate in a business expo in Manila in October. From this batch, 10 winners will be chosen and the top 2 winners will get to compete for more prizes in the international business plan competition and expo in Netherlands in December.

Fresh flower arrangement training set on June 2

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Topics to be discussed are sourcing of materials, costing etc.. There will be a hands-on experience on how to make different arragements such as centerpiece, inaugural, presidential, tropical, bouquet for all occasions, etc.

Participants will receive certificate of training right after the seminar. Lunch and snacks will be served and all the materials will be provided. For questions call 952-40-28; 436-78-26; 421- 15-77; 913- 65-51; and 951-29-66.

Professional course for wedding coordinators

BECOMING A PROFESSIONAL WEDDING coordinator can now become a reality as Rita Neri of Rita Neri Event Planners again offers "Introduction to Professional Wedding Coordination" on July 25 - 28, 2007.

The limited course is held in cooperation with Assumption College and will be held at the school's Mother Carmen Graduate School Center in San Lorenzo Village in Makati City.

Structured as comprehensive 4 day course, this program aims to educate and provide qualified individuals with the necessary knowledge and skills to become a dedicated career professional in the field of wedding coordination. The course includes: Overviews on event management and wedding coordination business, wedding budget/time line preparations, supplier requirements and negotiations, on the day work and preparation, client management, start-up business basics and dealing with ethical and moral issues. Top wedding professionals will also be on hand as resource speakers as well as actual ceremony and reception on-site visit. A Certificate of Attendance shall be given to those who have attended at least 6 complete days of the course.

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stricted to the areas of marketing and finance alone, but more so, it must give equal importance to its responsibilities to the society," he adds.

Other projects

Aside from the solar power system, Aligada says Toyota Philippines wants to do more for the environment by implementing other environment-friendly projects within its manufacturing facility.

Right now, he says the company is trying to reduce groundwater extraction by using treated wastewater to water plants.

He says the company wants to limit its groundwater extraction to what is absolutely necessary.

"Our overall plan is to reduce the adverse effects of our operations on the environment. We're still in the early stages of our plan right now, but we're trying our best. We're just taking baby steps," he adds.

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At Bonifacio Global City, all things large and small are given detailed attention. Everything you see and experience-- from the physical form of the city to its infrastructure and utilities; and even up to its economic and social aspects-- are a reflection and testament of a well-thought development plan. Architect and Planner Henry Yap, Head of Property Planning and Design for Fort Bonifacio Development Corporation (FBDC), discusses the multi-dimensional nature of city planning. "When we talk of city planning, we also look into aspects that would make the city very vibrant," Yap explains. "That includes activities within the city and its surrounding areas that complement the development. In the case of Bonifacio Global City, we worked around the concept of live-work-play in a unique environmental setting that fosters a good quality of life for the family." This experience is not exclusive to the city's residents, office workers, retail tenants and customers. "Everybody who comes to Bonifacio Global City can experience the balanced live-work-play atmosphere and the unique environment that encourages creativity and allows people to enjoy their simple passions. We treat everybody as a customer, even those who happen to pass through Bonifacio Global City," asserts Jun Bisnar, Head of Commercial Operations for Fort Bonifacio Development Corporation. Bisnar also discusses other areas of concern in the city planning process. "You also look into how Bonifacio Global City positively impacts and benefits our host city of Taguig and its people, as well as society and community as a whole."

Every aspect of Bonifacio Global City is the product of stringent city planning.

What made Bonifacio Global City a very attractive site for the country's next CBD? "The availability of large tracts of land that can be developed, its strategic location and accessibility to major roads, and the quality of life in and around the area all contribute to making this a prime location," replies Yap. With such perfect conditions, FBDC, led and managed by Ayala Land, Inc. and Evergreen Holdings of the Campos group, in partnership with the Bases Conversion and Development Authority, and Taguig City, planted the first seeds for the revised master plan of a Vibrant City. Bisnar adds: "FBDC is making sure we are providing the correct solid foundation, a high standard of development, and efficient city maintenance. Truly a city that works!"

Breathing Life Into The City

In running a CBD like Bonifacio Global City, the value of a steady supply of power and water cannot be underestimated. As expected, Bonifacio Global City again exceeds expectations and boasts of world-class utilities. It is equipped with an underground drainage detention structure that is intended to prevent floods in Bonifacio Global City and adjoining areas. Its fiber optic cabling network supports a wide range of telephone, video and data applications. Electric power is supplied by Meralco through underground lines powered by several Meralco power sub-stations, reducing the possibility of power outages and ensuring round-the-clock electric service to residents and offices such as BPOs. The Bonifacio Water Corporation, with its water reservoirs, water and sewerage system assures strong water pressure 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and ensures the collection and treatment of sewage water according to acceptable environmental standards.

Bonifacio Global City benefits from an underground LPG system which is owned and operated by Bonifacio Gas Corporation, a joint venture between FBDC and Pilipinas Shell. "We adapted the system from designs abroad, particularly Hong Kong, and other developed countries," says Edwin Laset, General Manager for Bonifacio Gas Corporation. The underground system has proven beneficial in terms of its safety and reliability.

The attractiveness of Bonifacio Global City is further enhanced by world-class city and property management services provided by the Bonifacio Estate Services Corporation (BESC). BESC is responsible for the enforcement of rules and restrictions, security and traffic management, city cleanliness, maintenance of landscaping and the thousands of trees around Bonifacio Global City, and providing emergency response teams and support services. Bonifacio Global City has its own private ambulance and state-of-the-art fire truck and support system.

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A Retail Mecca for the Creative Age

Shopping and dining is given a whole new spin at the fast emerging CBD. Bonifacio Global City promises a unique retail experience rich with one-of-a-kind shops and dining places. Here, shoppers and diners can enjoy extensive retail and food choices, from the bazaars of Market! Market!, to Bonifacio High Street – almost a kilometer long stretch of shops and restaurants anchored by an activity park, that starts from Serendra up to Third Avenue.

"At Serendra, we have authentic, unique restaurants, and specialty stores; while Bonifacio High Street has rows of flagship stores and winner brands," explains CJ Jesena, Senior Division Manager of the Ayala Malls Group. Bonifacio High Street's flagship stores of various brands is one of the location's strongest points. These include the biggest Nike store in the Philippines, the biggest Havaianas store in the world, the biggest Hobbes and Landes, the first in-line Crocs store, and the country's first Krispy Kreme outlet. The largest Fully Booked branch is soon to open, boasting of five floors. During the conceptualization of Bonifacio High Street, the team was influenced by existing retail meccas. "Serendra is a reminder of SoHo in New York, Santana Row in LA, and Lincoln Road in Miami," says Jesena. On the other hand, Bonifacio High Street took inspiration from Main Street and shopping areas such as Third Street Promenade and The Grove, both in California, which brings together office and retail in a relaxed atmosphere that is conducive to work and play. Coffee lovers will delight in the line-up of coffee shops found here - Figaro, The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf, Starbucks, Seattle's Best, and Bo's Coffee.

With its various choices in shopping and dining, BGC offers endless ways to bond with family.

Shopping at Bonifacio Global City also covers the various specialty shops that dot the retail landscape, including Market! Market!, Price Smart, and the Car Plaza, which comprises top automobile brands like Ford and Mercedes-Benz. True to the spirit of Bonifacio Global City, every brand possesses longevity and world-class quality. "They will be there for the long haul," Jesena concludes.

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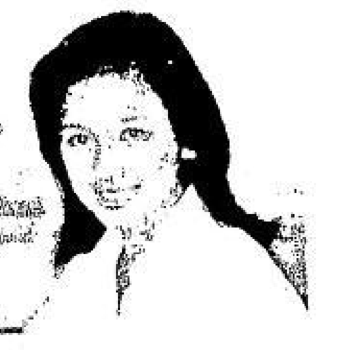
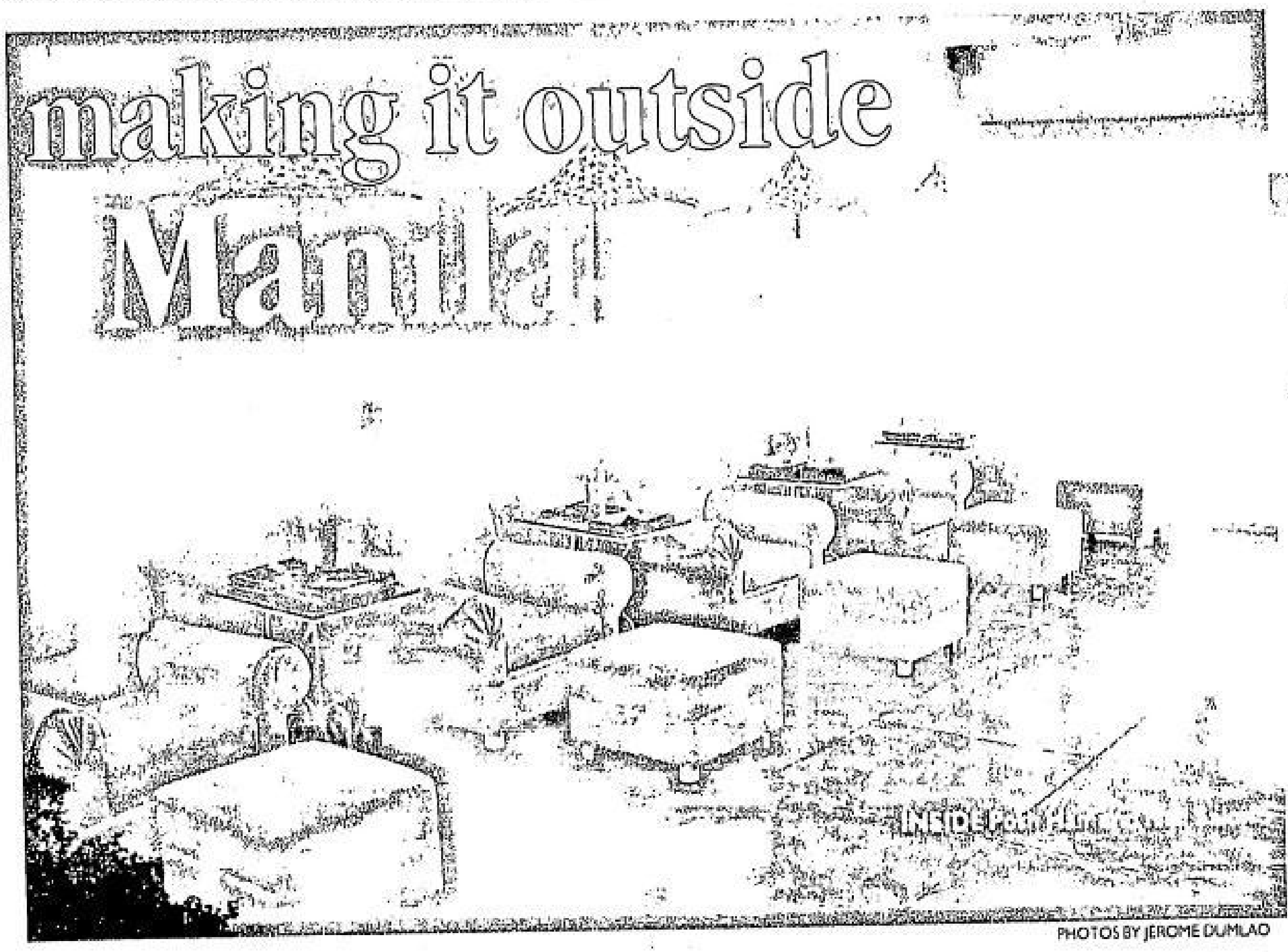


Shops making it outside Manila



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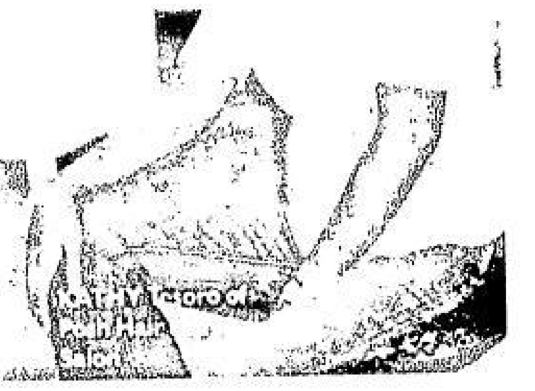


By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

THE INFLUX OF INVESTMENTS INTO the call center and information technology industries in Cebu City means more money lining the pockets of the famously stingy Cebuanos.

More disposable income means Cebuanos are more willing to part with their hard-earned cash, which is good news for young entrepreneurs who have followed their heart's desire and opened their own stores in the Queen City of the South.

SundayBiz features here a few of these young entrepreneurs making waves in Cebu, and perhaps soon, the rest of the Philippines.

Lava Apparel and Accessories

Caroline Malagar used to work for a bank, but she was always bothered by a nagging thought that there was something else that she ought to do.

CAROLINE Malagar of Lava Apparel and Accessories

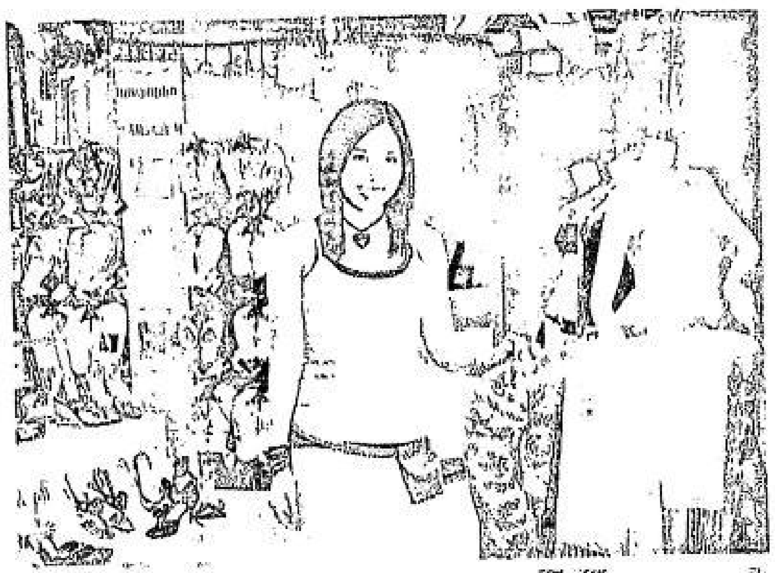
So she left the bank, borrowed capital of P50,000 from her father, dipped into her savings, and in 2004 pursued her passion for designing clothes for women like her—fashionable but not too flashy.

The 29-year-old designs the clothes herself, and she considers her Lava store at the Ayala Center in Cebu as a fulfillment of a long-cherished dream to be in the fashion business.

"I love what I am doing now. It is my calling," Malagar says.

She says she caters mostly to young women, but says her clothes can also suit women up to their 50s.

She sells mostly tops costing between P499 and P899, with a few dresses costing between P1,299 and P2,499.



DIANE Uy knows What A Girl Wants.

"I come up with new designs every week to give my customers a variety of clothes to choose from," she says.

Malagar currently has stores in Cebu and Davao, and she consigns some designs to Cinderella in Manila.

Opening up a store in Manila is one of her goals, but says she is happy in the meantime expanding her business in Cebu City.

Posh Hair and Nail Salon

Like Malagar, Kathy Tesoro used to work in Manila before she packed up her bags and found herself opening up a business in Cebu.

Tesoro could have gone back home to Davao but she says Davao was a little too laid back for her considering she came from the hustle and bustle life in Metro Manila.

Cebu came somewhere in between, and so she decided to go into business to give her more reasons to stay.

She hit upon the idea of opening up a high end hair and nail salon because she could not find one when she came to Cebu.

Tesoro thought there were others like her looking for a hair and nail salon with high product and quality standards, so Posh Hair and Nail Salon came to the picture.

A manicure at her salon costs P80 and P90 for a pedicure. An extra P45 is charged for the Esse and Orly polish that last longer than the local brands.

The 26-year-old says she still has to work at convincing clients to use other types of nail polish, telling them that Esse and Orly

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What south of Manila has to offer

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

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Philippine Dried Ripe Mangoes
Philippine Pineapple

CALABARZON—WHICH GROUPS THE provinces of Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon—means more than just industrial estates and golf courses.

The booming region is also known for its agricultural products and processed food, which it showcased during the recently concluded International Food Exhibition Philippines and Bio-Search 2007 organized by the Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions.

On display were agricultural products, such as coffee, mushroom, meat and poultry. There were also bottled honey, pies made of young coconut, and frozen and canned bangus.

Calabarzon was the Ifex partner region this year, and its best selection of food and agricultural products were featured to introduce local and foreign buyers to what the region's micro-, small- and medium-scale enterprises (MSMEs) have to offer.

"Calabarzon MSMEs expressed interest in participating in the Partner Region Program of Citem because of the opportunities they saw from the featured region last year," said Citem executive director Felicitas R. Agoncillo-Reyes.

Reyes said Citem supports the partner region program to help SME food producers from Calabarzon enhance the marketability of their products and break into the export market.

SMEs from Southern and Central Mindanao and the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao also brought to Manila their products ripe for the export market.

Bai Dido T. Samama of the Department of Agriculture said Southern Mindanao's mangoes, papayas, bananas, coconuts, pineapples and rubber got the most inquiries during the exhibition.

Southern Mindanao covers the Davao provinces and Compostela Valley.

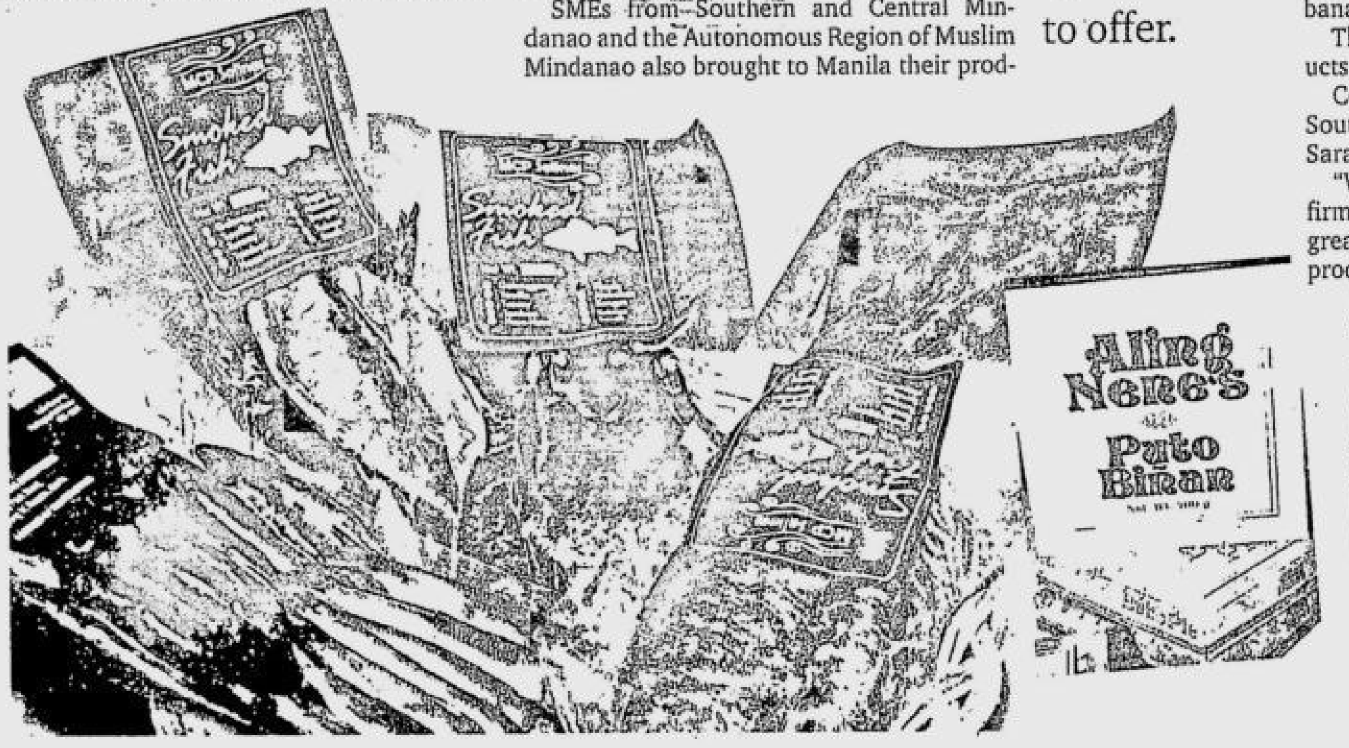
Merlinda Castillo of DA's Central Mindanao office, on the other hand, said muscovado and banana chips attracted the most inquiries.

These add to the region's traditional products of durian, bananas, tuna and palm oil.

Central Mindanao covers North Cotabato, South Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat and Sarangani.

"We at the DA continue to identify private firms who want to promote their products to a greater market, and we believe we have good products to show," Samama said.

What Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon have to offer.



Cafe Amadeo
Amadeo

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How some get their college education

"I FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL WONDERing what will it be for me. My parents' business venture failed so they did not have the capacity to send me to college. We relocated to Iloilo, started from scratch, so the future seemed dimmer. But God has been so good to me by sending the SM Foundation to me and in the nick of time, after a battery of tests and interviews, became one of the few lucky ones to be an SM Foundation scholar," said Christopher Denusta, a summa cum laude of Central Philippine University in Iloilo as he gave his testimony last Wednesday, May 16, 2007.

Christopher, together with graduates from University of San Jose Recoletos, Cebu Institute of Technology and the University of San Carlos in Cebu, the Central Philippine University and Western Institute of Technology in Iloilo, Ateneo de Davao and University of Southeastern University in Davao flew to Manila to meet their benefactor, Henry Sy Sr. and family.

Ma. Linell A. Anes' tricycle driver father worked even at night to be able to put food on the table and to send them to school. Going to college was an "impossible dream" for the family. The SM Foundation accepted her as a scholar at the Philippine Normal University taking up BS Education. She graduated cum laude. During the presentation, she paid tribute to her parents by asking them to stand up to acknowledge the standing ovation that the audience gave them. She has accepted a teaching job in a school in Novaliches hoping to finance the education of a younger sibling to lighten the burden of her parents.

These stories were part of a ceremony held in Mega Trade Mall during the presentation of the 74 graduates of the Foundation led my Nikkolai Canceran, Michael Tomon and Christopher Denusta, summa cum laude graduates from the Far Eastern University and the Central Philippines University in Iloilo respectively.

The scholarship program began in 1993 and provides education to outstanding yet deserving underprivileged public high school graduates. Henry Sy gave an expensive gold watch to each scholar. Daughter Tessie Sy, chair of EPCI-Banco de Oro and vice chair of SM Investment Corp. gave each scholar gifts certificates.

Executive director of SMFI, Debbie P. Sy says as the malls increase, the number of scholars also increase. Scholarships are given to communities around the malls.

Since their family income solely came from their *carinderia*, Maureen Ava Lahat said that during her college years in Enverga University in Lucena, the monthly allowance from the Foundation not only helped her buy school things but also paid for her transportation and meals. During Christmas and summer breaks, she took temporary jobs in SM Department Store and Supermarket.

Debbie emphasized that the Foundation does not oblige them to work for SM. "However, the SM Group of Companies always has a place for them."

There are 500 scholars at any given time per year. The goal is to increase this to 1000.

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provide better value for money.

She also offers a line of nail polish that does not leave behind that annoying yellowish stain on the nails.

Tesoro says her first store on Banilad Street opened in 2005 and it has been doing well, prompting her to open up a second one this year in Davao City.

"I am now looking at franchising because there is much room to grow the business," Tesoro says.

What A Girl Wants

Diane Rose G. Uy still remembers how she got rejected three times before she was given a little space at the Ayala Center in Cebu to get her concept store off the ground.

The mall is now sorry it did not get Diane's What A Girl Wants a space earlier because it is now a favorite shopping stop of young girls wanting fashion forward clothes.

Uy says she built What A Girl Wants on her own taste for clothes that are far from the basic, clean lines that were prevalent in Cebu before she opened in December 2005.

"I am happy that the Cebuanos were very receptive to the concept of the store," Uy says.

Like the name says, the store sells everything a girl wants in clothes, such as shirts, jeans and shoes.

She says she wades through the products of many suppliers to get the right merchandise mix. She gets from both local and foreign suppliers, although she would want to get more products from locals to support the economy.

She now has another store in Cagayan de Oro and she plans to put up two more next year, one more in Davao and one in Davao.

Uy even put up a men's line she calls What A Girl Wants ... for Her Man.

Uy says it takes a lot of time, energy and resources to operate a store, but she says she would not trade it for a comfortable job behind a desk.

"I have always wanted to go into my own business. I don't want to stay behind the desk all day," she says.

It is a feeling shared by the growing number of young entrepreneurs finding their fortune in booming Cebu City.

Former UN staff now wears an apron

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and dark chocolate and pandan cakes.

Beverages include Arabica coffee, lemongrass tea, gipah (a wild tea), a mountain tea variety from Sagada town in Mt. Province, and fresh juices from fruits in season.

Outlet for small producers

One thing that Abellon is happy about is patronizing and promoting the products of small farmers and entrepreneurs.

She gets her lettuce, watercress, broccoli, carrots, beans, cauliflower, basil, rosemary, lemongrass and other vegetables and herbs from members of the La Trinidad Organic Practitioners (Latop), a local organic farmers' group.

She sources her organic meat from traditional hog and livestock raisers in Mt. Province, Ifugao and Benguet.

The tofu and gluten also come from a local home-based producer. Same with the coffee Abellon serves. She gets her ground, roasted coffee from the Benguet Organic Coffee Arabica Enterprises, an organization of more than 200 backyard coffee growers in Benguet.

The organization has its own processing facility and marketing arm and has standardized its farm gate prices, which, an official of the organization says, are "much higher" than the buying prices of traders and middlemen.

ABELLON cooks with the help of her 10-year-old son Luigi.

"In patronizing and promoting the coffee of our local growers, I'm in a way helping in their advocacy against plantation-type coffee cultivation, which is a no-no in sustainable agriculture," says Abellon.

Providing jobs

If she used to be a mere employee, Abellon is now a small employer, helping provide much-needed jobs in this country with 3.5 million jobless and 5.4 million underemployed Filipinos.

She has in her employ two working students, who help her in processing sausages and ham and in other related tasks. She gives the two students daily transportation allowances and pays their tuition and other school fees.

"So this is my new career—washing dishes, cooking, sweeping the floor," says Abellon. "But I am finding peace and satisfaction in this new endeavor."

As a former nongovernment organization worker and UN development worker, Abellon did not lose her advocacy for the cause of farmers, which she has integrated into her new business.

"I'm happy I can directly discuss with farmers about their produce and about how to improve, package and market their production," she says.

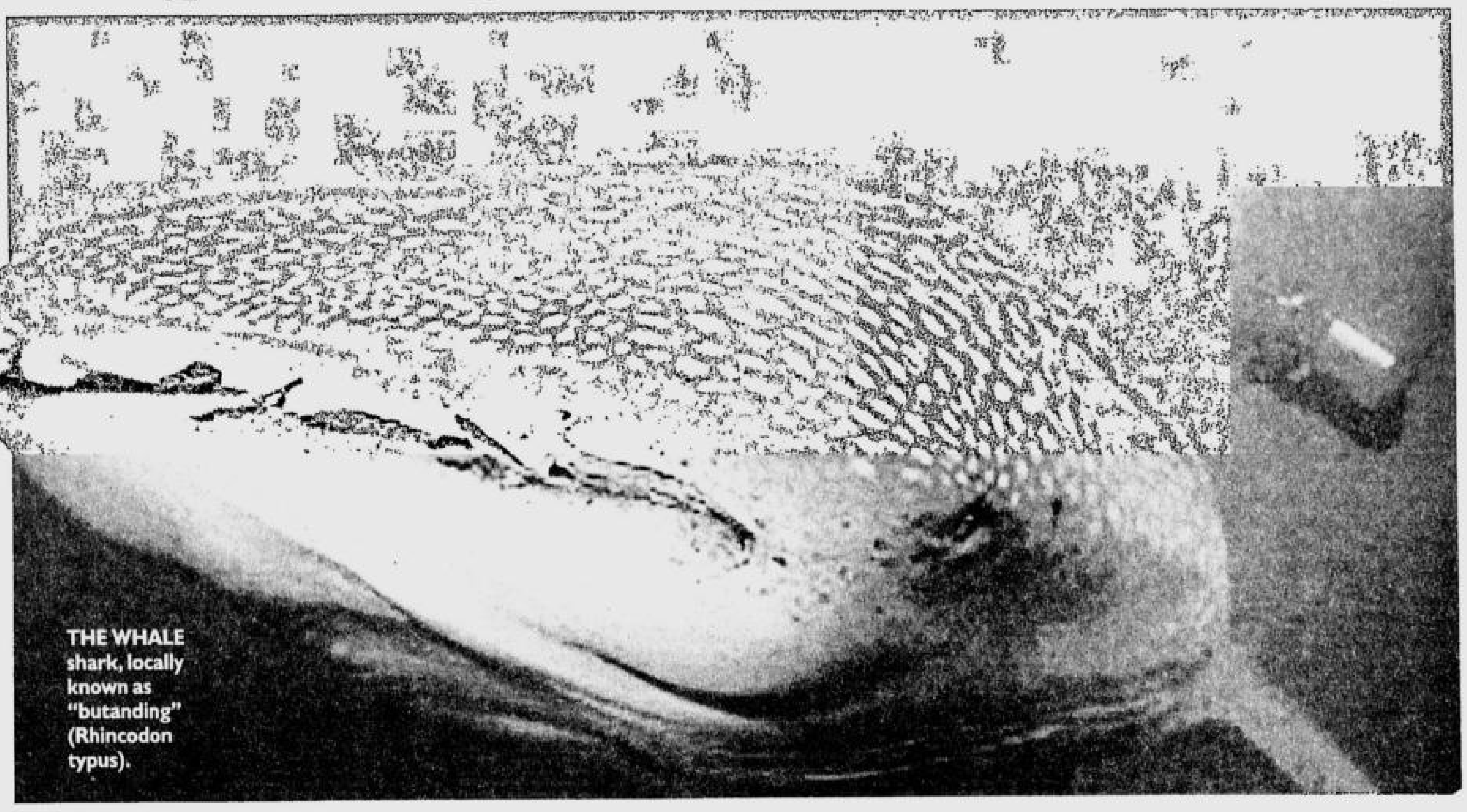
Organic, indigenous food

Through her café and restaurant, Abellon will soon be promoting Cordillera indigenous food such as edible native rice field snails, fresh water fish and eels, and uncultivated or wild vegetables.

"In promoting indigenous food, we are acknowledging that the original organic practitioners were our ancestors, who showed us a whole organic and healthy way of life," she says.

Threatened species get help from RP firms

By TJ Burgonio



THE WHALE shark, locally known as "butanding" (Rhincodon typus).

DONSOL, SORSOGON—THIS TOWN'S most famous residents are getting new parents.

Cemex Foundation Philippines has launched its "Adopt A Species" program and has "adopted" the whale sharks here or *butanding*, as part of its bigger program to protect the country's threatened species.

The butanding is listed as one of the world's vulnerable species, and could become extinct unless steps are taken to protect them.

"The whale shark is a symbol. A symbol that we should not wait until it's threatened or endangered in order to start acting to protect it," Cemex Foundation Philippines Jaime Ruiz de Haro said during the launch of the "Adopt A Species" program at a resort here overlooking Donsol Bay.

De Haro said the government, nongovernment organizations and the private sector should work together to prevent the butanding from becoming extinct.

The whale sharks have been luring tourists to this fourth-class municipality in Sorsogon since the late 1990s and the influx has boosted the town's revenues.

At the same time, the growing crowd of tourists who snorkel to get a glimpse of the friendly sharks has also heightened awareness of marine conservation.

The "Adopt A Species" program was jointly conceptualized by Cemex, which is involved in funding education and environment programs, and Conservation International (CI).

"This [program] gives us new hope of realizing our dream: saving butanding and saving our lives," said Fr. George Fajardo of the Scouts of St. Joseph, a local conservation group.

As part of its initial adoption scheme, the foundation has released an initial P60,000 for the photo identification as well as genetic analysis of the butanding population to ensure easy tracking and protection.

The plan is to identify 40 whale sharks with a photo, skin sample, gender information and GPS coordinates, among others, to see where the sharks usually travel,' said Angela Quiros, research project manager.

"This information will let us know more about sharks in Donsol compared to other sharks in the world," she said.

> 'Private firms, NGOs, local gov't need to work together to protect the butanding'

Romeo Trono, executive director of CI-Philippines, said the output of the study would be crucial to the global assessment of the whale sharks.

He added that local NGOs and local government in Donsol could base their conservation program on the results of the research.

Cemex officials stressed, however, that butanding was merely the "flagship species" of the adoption program, and that other threatened species would be covered.

Cemex and CI would identify priority species based on the red list of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources.

They would work to convince private companies and individuals to "adopt" a specific species, not only by funding conservation efforts, but also by helping coordinate projects to protect the species.

By doing so, the two partners hoped to institutionalize a "strong, science-based framework for a long-term species conservation program."

"Many environment groups have made tremendous effort in conservation, and many of the efforts are often under-funded," De Haro said. "Our program aims to address these issues by harmonizing efforts in species conservation by different groups."

To entice private companies and individuals to invest in the protection of a threatened species, such as the tamaraw, dugong, and black mouse deer, Cemex said it would seek the passage of the "Adopt A Wildlife Species" bill that would grant tax credits to adopting companies and individuals.

"We need to have a law that provides the framework to protects species, and provides for the private sector to get involved," De Haro said.

Cemex would release P1.453 million to develop a communication strategy and draft the appropriate legislation.

Pending the passage of the bill, the foundation would continue funding the photo identification and genetic analysis of the butanding, Cemex officials said.

"We hope to make sure that butanding is protected and will continue to be the highlight of ecotourism in this town. We look forward to the day that this activity will be replicated by other companies and individuals," De Haro said.

Costs of of HMOs to go up this year

A CHALLENGE FACES THE HEALTH Maintenance Organization (HMO) industry this year: costs are set to go up.

This was confirmed by Mario Silos, president of IntelliCare, one of the industry's leading players.

The cost push is being attributed to the rising prices of HMO suppliers and its related industries. Medical professionals as well as facilities have earlier indicated this trend.

"It's a domino effect. If a related industry (such as the big medical facilities) indicates its intentions of raising its costs, the others have to take the same course if they want to be able to continue their services and to offer these with the same quality," Silos says.

Health Maintenance Organizations rely on medical professionals and facilities such as clinics and institutions to deliver the healthcare package subscribed to by its clients. So if a hospital raises its prices, the HMO follows suit.

Local HMOs serve over three million Filipinos today. This many have long relied on the top par services of medical professionals and facilities for years.

IntelliCare alone maintains its accreditation in over 500 hospitals and is affiliated with over 8,000 medical doctors. By year's end, most of which will have raised their prices. Losing them is not an option they are willing to face. These professionals are an essential part of what makes the company a trusted name. The same principle goes with other HMOs.

These numbers have to be maintained for the company to continue offering quality service. If you lower that number, you lower your clients' choices and chances of getting quality healthcare.

Values-Creation Proportional to Cost Push Surviving the challenge can be tricky, Silos asserts. If this were any other industry, the natural course for a company to take is to give in to the inevitable demand for lowering of costs, especially when faced with the threat of clients shifting to other low-cost HMOs.

Instead, Silos proposes, HMOs must tackle the problem by upgrading the quality of their total services.

The HMO industry is unlike any other industry that has relied on a massive base of consumers whom its players can simply charm with low price offerings in the hope of retaining their patronage and gaining considerable numbers.

The HMO industry must be wary enough not to fall into the trap of engaging in a price war with its peers for the stakes are very high. The risks are not insignificant.

First, if an HMO does decide to lower its costs, it has no choice but to face the challenge of offering services that are proportionate to it. It will be a dire challenge for the HMO to pull suppliers who have already raised their costs within its influence. In the long run, the HMO will imperil its own existence. End users who used to take comfort in a certain health plan provided for them by their employers are going to end up dissatisfied. There is no greater threat to an HMO than a dissatisfied and disgruntled clientele.

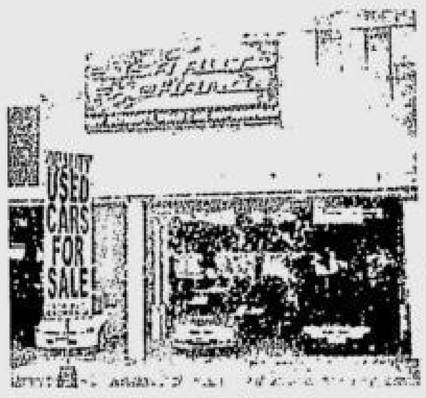
Second, companies that decide to avail of these lower cost HMO services and initially be able to rest assured of continuous health coverage for their employees will soon realize its risks. Much of it involves the very health care of the people within its employ who, it must be stressed, used to enjoy, value greatly and use with a considerable amount of comfort, the services of its standard cost health plan.

Third, modalities of treatments are being developed over time. New technologies eventually become necessary procedures. These and other medical developments will become standards in the future. HMOs that do not go with the pace will eventually not be able to afford these.

And since the costs of most of medical professionals and facilities will have gone up in the future, the low-cost HMOs will of course only be able to offer low-cost medical services from a set of lesser number of facilities that offer quality services.

There is much to be hopeful for for the HMO that will be keen enough to see the benefits they will get if they decide to sail along the coming current. For in the long run, the clients will benefit from this.

Changing the face of a car salesman



THE EAX superstore in Ortigas

EVER WONDERED WHY ORDINARY used car salesmen have a reputation of being sweet-talkers and untrustworthy individuals? It's because after every transaction, the ordinary used car salesman turns his back on the customer and never associates himself with the latter again—unless the latter plans to buy another used car from him.

A new group of car salesmen wants to veer away from this stereotype. The owners of the Edsa Auto Exchange (EAX) Extraordinary dreamt of giving quality pre-owned cars at a competitive cost without leaving the customer short-changed after the sale.

EAX is the first and only used car superstore that offers warranty and after-sales services by car experts highly trained under Japanese automotive standards.

Led by the company's EVP and general manager Ferdinand "Bong" del Rosario, these pro and master technicians from Toyota Otis and Toyota Balintawak (main and north) conduct a regular 32-point checkup on each car in their five-star service workshops to keep each one in top form and condition.

Unlike most used car dealerships that park their cars in spaces with tent-like covers for protection, EAX cars are housed in a solid structure whose architecture is specially designed to shelter, protect and maintain the cars under its close supervision and care.

There is a fully air-conditioned customer's lounge, a team who answers questions, addresses the customers' needs, personalized offers such as the Special Kababayan rates for OFWs and one-on-one sessions with each customer who plans to avail of insurance and financing services.

EAX also offers services such as vehicle warranty, free periodic maintenance labor, free change oil for the first 5,000-kilometer check-up, free towing within Metro Manila, undercoating discount and, body works and painting discounts.

EAX is at 199 Edsa-Ortigas (Southbound, right before SEC).

STUDENTS start their back-to-school shopping.

RUDY ESPERAS

New way to go back to school

By Ronnel W. Domingo

IN SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUcation's Oplan Balik Eskwela campaign, the Department of Trade and Industry has been monitoring prices and the quality of school supplies being sold in Metro Manila.

The DTI National Capital Region said yesterday that it had so far monitored 19 stores and checked out 133 school products.

Trade Assistant Secretary Angel L. Pelayo said the monitoring would continue until after the school opening.

At the same time, the Ecowaste Coalition, which promotes ecological waste solutions, came up with useful tips for parents and students so they can achieve zero waste goals and save money for back-to-school needs.

The Quezon City-based coalition said it teamed up with the youth group Add Up! for fresh ideas.

"The usual back-to-school spending spree has environmental costs that are seldom considered when parents of the country's over 22 million students troop to the bookstores, shopping malls or Divisoria to buy brand-new notebooks, pens, bags, shoes and uniforms," EcoWaste said.

"Aside from making a dent on the parents' wallets, the crass commercialism that characterizes the school opening also contributes to climate change," it added. "Every time we buy something, fossil fuel energy was used to produce and distribute that item."

EcoWaste's most important back to school tip is—borrow or use second-hand books. Other useful tips are:

- Reuse magazine covers, gift wrappers or grocery bags to cover your books.
- Refrain from writing or drawing on your books so you can pass them on clean to friends and relatives next year.
- Donate your old books and textbooks to school or community libraries and share the light of knowledge to marginalized children.
- Before buying school supplies, check what reusable or recyclable items you have at home.
- Collect the unused sheets from your old notebooks and rewire or sew them to create your own personalized notebook.
- Buy products made from recycled materials.
- Patronize locally produced school supplies and avoid cheap imports to support the local industry as well as to lessen the fossil fuel energy used to transport things.
- Select durable school supplies that can be easily reused, recycled, repaired or refilled for many years.
- Bring a reusable bag when you shop. Join the growing league of consumers who are saying no to plastic bag pollution.
- If your old uniform is still in good condition, consider having it altered instead of buying a new one. If your shoes still fit, forgo buying a new pair.
- Use reusable containers for your *baon* and drinks.
- Bring native *kakanin* and healthy food for snacks packed in reusable containers. Avoid junk food in plastic wrappers, styrofoam and other throw-away plastic disposables.
- Replace disposable paper napkins with reusable rag or towelette.
- Car pool, use public transport, ride the school bus, or if possible, bike to school.

Former UN staff now wears an apron

By Maurice Malanes
Inquirer Central Luzon

LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET—AFTER FEELING burned out from a good paying but routine job of coordinating a small grants program of a United Nations agency in Metro Manila, Christine Abellon quit in 2004, unsure of what to do next.

"I was not happy anymore with what I was doing. My work became routine—nothing innovative … and [it was] stressful," says Abellon, a 42-year-old mother of three.

She went back to school for a graduate study on management at the University of the Philippines Baguio.

"But I haven't finished it because I still have to take my comprehensive exams. I just got bored," she says.

Getting burned out and bored, however, did not mean Abellon gave up on life altogether.

She found herself integrating with vegetable farmers of Benguet when, as part of a requirement in her graduate studies, she wrote a paper on the situation of local organic farmers.

ONE of Café Maleng-ag's specialties, mushroom carbonara with home made sausage.

CHRISTINE Abellon quit her job in the UN and started this business.

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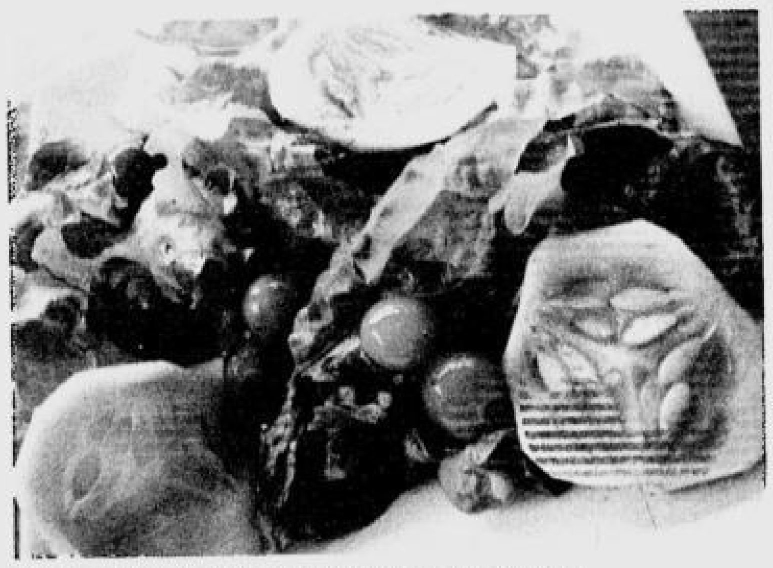

THE SALAD Greens is made from organic vegetables.

"The big shift for me was setting up a coffee shop," says Abellon, who now wears an apron as she prepares snacks and meals from organic farmers' produce at her coffee shop at the provincial capitol grounds here.

Called Café Maleng-ag, the shop's name (coined by her husband, Richard) means long life and wisdom of the elders in Kankana-ey.

Alternatives, choices

After enrolling in short courses on baking, cooking and brewing coffee, Abellon was determined to start a business into which she could integrate her advocacy for healthful living.

Although she has just begun, Abellon has embarked on a business that seeks to offer "alternatives and other choices" amid what she calls the "McDonalization of our food," referring to a worldwide fast food and burger chain.

As a mother, she says she is alarmed that diabetes, obesity and kidney troubles, which, she notes, are considered "First World diseases," now affect more and more Filipino children.

"These diseases can be traced to what we feed our children," she says. "If we love our children, let's give them healthier choices."

She has thus arranged with some owners of private pre-schools to introduce what she calls "healthier and organic snacks" such as yogurt drink and fiber-rich bread and muffins as "alternatives to soft drink and junk food."

As an "alternative" coffee shop, Café Maleng-ag offers organic food and beverages for both vegetarian and non-vegetarian customers.

Vegetarians can avail themselves of mixed tropical vegetables with tofu or barbecued gluten or mushroom.

Non-vegetarians can try the café's home-cured sausages, smoked ham and beef toppings, all of which are sourced from traditionally raised (free-range) hogs and cattle from the Cordillera.

To ensure the purity of the café's vegetarian menu and to respect vegetarians, Abellon has a separate set of cooking utensils (from ladles and chopping boards to pots and woks) for her vegetarian cuisine.

The café's cakes and breads also differ from those sold at every neighborhood bakery and store in La Trinidad.

Abellon and two helpers bake cupcakes (with choices of blueberry, carrot, chocolate and sweet potato), mushroom muffin, whole wheat scones and whole wheat soda bread,

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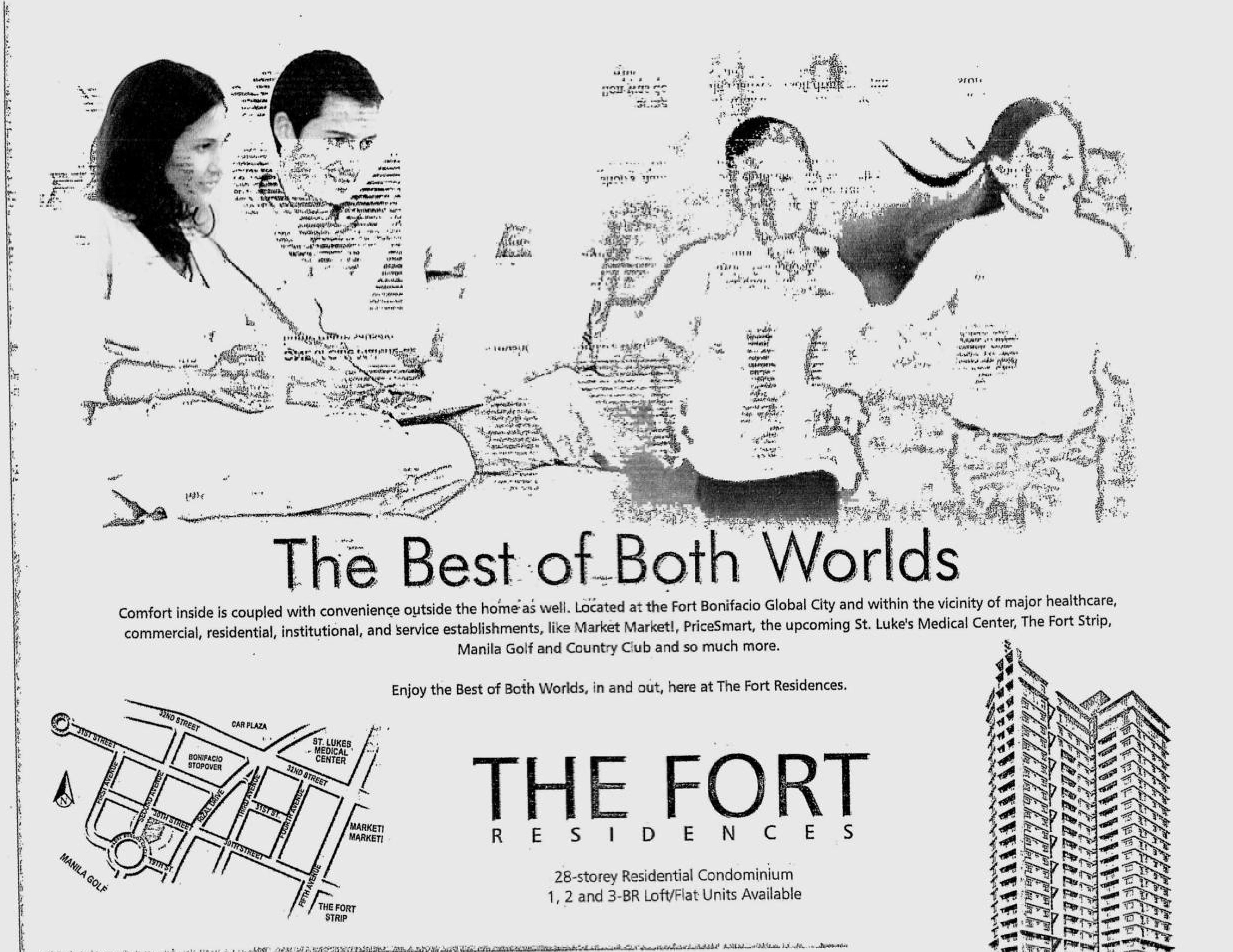

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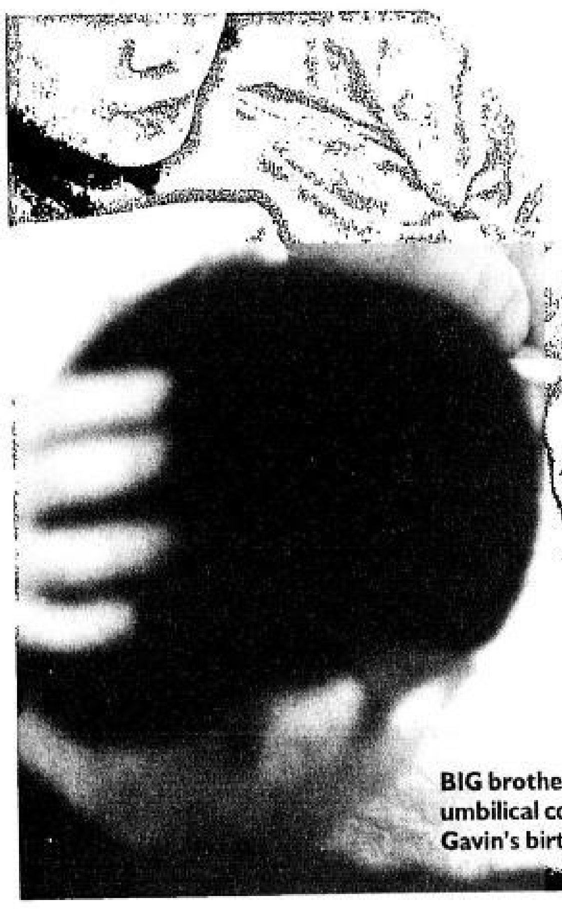
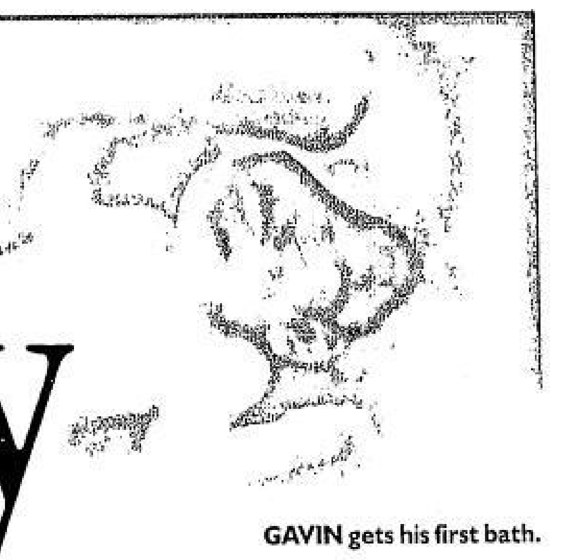


BIG brother Xavier cuts Gavin's umbilical cord minutes after Gavin's birth on Jan. 19.

Home delivery



GAVIN gets his first bath.

Text by Rowena C. Burgos
Photos by Marisse Africa and Neil Lucente

WHEN CLAUDINE SIA AND husband Neil Lucente told their parents that they would have their first baby through home birth, the latter were skeptical.

"Since they believe that the only safe birth is a hospital birth, they told us that we were being irresponsible and putting the life of the baby in danger," Neil says.

Since no statistics show that the hospital is the only safe place to have a baby, Claudine was resolute with her decision. "When I became pregnant with our firstborn, Xavier, it never crossed my mind that I would deliver him in a hospital. I was sickly when I was a kid so going in and out of the hospital became a negative experience for me."

With caesarean sections, epidurals and heavy doses of pain medication becoming increasingly the norm in hospitals, Claudine and Neil think that women have been denied feeling and experiencing birth through their bodies.

Family affair

"Having a caesarian section is not fun. It takes a month to recover, and during the operation, a doctor will put you on drugs to make you unaware of the procedure. The beauty of the moment has been robbed from you, your baby and your husband. And the baby is lethargic. To me, it's inhuman. But with home birth, all our babies came out yelling and with their eyes open," Neil says.

For Claudine, the pregnancy and birth were "an intimate family affair."

When her friend Panjee Tapales broached the idea of home birth, Claudine and Neil consulted medical doctors, researched and talked to couples who had done it before.

"Within the comforts of your own home, you can have your family involved in the process," Claudine says. "You don't have to move from one room to another, be shaved, put up on stirrups. There are no interns checking on you. And you're not subjected to a dehumanizing medical procedure."

Only the couple's daughter, Rosie, now 6, was delivered outside their home, but even then she was born in a birthing clinic with homelike setting.

Bernadette Nolasco, a midwife for 14 years now, helped Claudine deliver Xavier, who's now 10 years old, and Gavin, 3-months old.

"A carefully monitored home birth, with women who have been helped to stay low-risk through nutrition and good prenatal care, has been proven to be very safe and successful," says Nolasco.

To make sure that both mother and child will be safe from infection, Nolasco says the instruments used in home birth are properly sterilized.

The 36-year-old licensed midwife worked for 12 years at Gentle Hands Clinic, which was managed by a group of Canadian midwives. When it closed down, Nolasco opened a clinic in Quezon City. As a member of the Midwives Foundation of the Philippines, she attends conferences and workshops.

Prenatal visits may take place at the midwife's home or clinic or at the family's home. The latter is especially comforting for the family, as they are in their own surroundings and may be less hesitant to ask questions and get involved.

Prenatal visits are also a time for the midwife to get to know the family and friends who plan to be present at the birth.

Prenatal care for the pregnant woman, Nolasco says, includes discussion of nutrition, exercises, and overall physical and emotional wellbeing, as well as overseeing the healthy development of the fetus.

The midwife interviews the pregnant woman to determine if a high-risk situation exists. A high-risk woman has special medical needs. "If a high-risk situation exists or may develop, home birth is not practical. I advise the family to seek the help of a doctor instead," says Nolasco.

Preparation

A midwife also helps the family to prepare for the birth. The plan includes a list of what will be needed and what will occur during the birth: special music, candles, special religious or cultural rituals, who will be in attendance, which room in the home will be the birthing room, what kind of support the mom desires,

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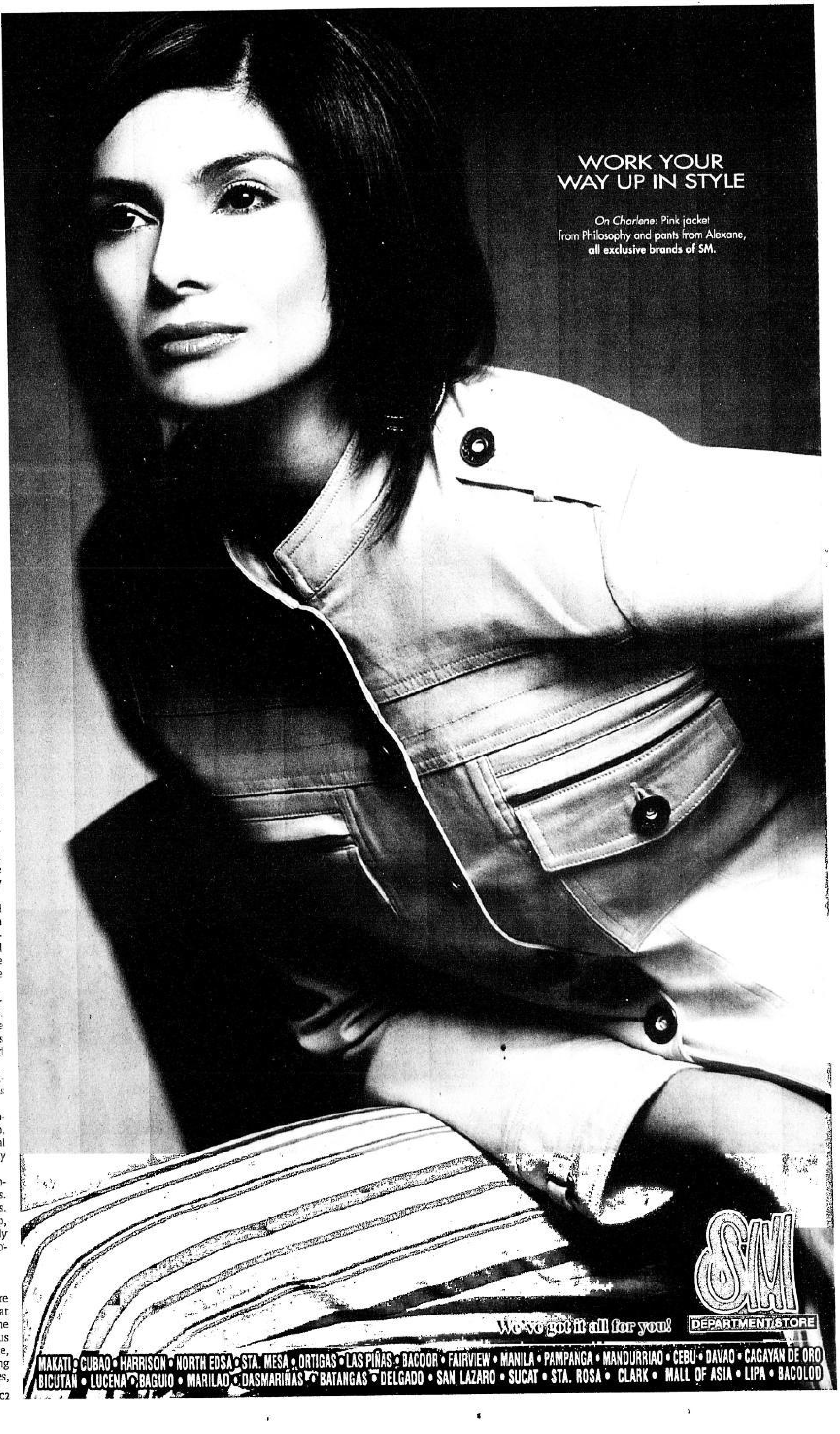

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BIG SISTER Rosie helps weigh Gavin, whose birth weight was 6.6 lbs.

TAKING his first breakfast

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etc. This enables the family to create the atmosphere they want.

In the safety and security of her own home, the mother is likely to be less inhibited about trying different labor positions and locations. She can sit on the toilet or go for a walk outside. She can eat or drink whatever she wants. When it's time to deliver, she can often try whatever position she wants: on her side, squatting, sitting or kneeling.

"The most important factor in choosing home birth is that the mother has a strong desire to birth at home. Even though a home birth can save money, cost is not sufficient motivation to give birth at home," Nolasco says.

She adds that the most successful home birthers are those who have a strong commitment to it and who trust in their body's natural ability to birth. They are often willing to devote time and energy to finding the right birth practitioner, doing their own research and taking care of themselves.

"I trained for the delivery day, mentally and physically. I attended prenatal yoga and Lamaze together with Neil. It's like pain management. During labor, you do the breathing which takes your mind off the pain. And a good midwife can help you achieve that," Claudine says.

Complications

Occasionally, there will be complications during labor. A midwife is trained to recognize the early stages of complications and to take necessary action. Transport to the hospital during the course of the birthing process may be necessary for the health of either the mother or baby.

The rate of cesarean deliveries is very low for midwives and home births, Nolasco says. Part of the reason for this low rate is that most home births are kept low risk by good care. Furthermore, midwives aren't in a hurry. They want to take time with their families. They generally don't hurry the birth either, which, ironically, often speeds it up.

"When a midwife and a mother build a personal relationship, this trust helps the mother let go and have her baby more easily. Labor and childbirth are a natural process, and unless distress to the mother or baby is indicated, this process is not interfered with through drugs, medical equipment or cesarean intervention," Nolasco says.

Since home birth allows for full participation of family members, the opportunity is available for husbands or partners to "catch" their child as it is born.

In Claudine's case, Neil supported her back during labor and acted as "baby gofer" throughout the process. When Gavin was born, his brother Xavier cut his umbilical cord while sister Rosie took photos of the momentous occasion.

At home births, babies are usually immediately placed on the mom's stomach or breast, providing security, warmth and immediate bonding between mom and baby.

Cost

Nolasco charges only P5,000, which includes her professional fee, the mother's medicines and supplies used in home birth. "But we paid her double. She did a great service for such a humble sum," Neil says.

(In a survey done by INQUIRER Research, the most popular hospitals in the country charge between P11,000 and P50,000, exclusive of doctor's fee and accommodation. The price also depends on whether the delivery is normal or by caesarian operation).

After the baby is born, a midwife is still accessible for information and support. One continues to check in on the mother and baby for a certain time frame, although some midwives will continue to get calls for a much longer time.

Some families and midwives form lasting friendships based on the joy and trust they shared at birth.

"This can be of great comfort during the postpartum period when moms have questions or problems. And I'm proud to say that I've been a godmother to some of their children," Nolasco says.

For Claudine, childbirth is not just a natural biological process for the female body. When women can fully embrace their fears, their confidence, their pain and their intensely feminine power, they will give birth not only to a child, but also to a newfound sense of strength that will be their ally in all the years to come of caring for their child.

> Hospital procedures have denied women the experience of giving birth through their bodies

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- HAVE A SUPPORTIVE HUSBAND OR birthing partner.
- Observe good prenatal care and diet.
- Find an experienced midwife whom you trust and are comfortable with.
- Have a supportive backup doctor in a nearby hospital.
- Have your midwife/childbirth practitioner on hand early in the labor.
- Prepare your bedroom and have all your birthing things ready.
- Practice Lamaze. Prepare yourself emotionally, mentally and physically.
- Have an assistant help your midwife if she doesn't have one.

What to prepare

- Birth shirt (I wore the same birth shirt for all my three births.)
- Birthing stool care of my midwife
- Big plastic sheet to line the floor
- Clean towels
- Baby bathtub, baby clothes and blanket
- Camera
- Small lamp (for the midwife to see the delivery)
- Soothing music
- Notebook and pen (to keep track of contractions)
- Midwife's birthing equipment
- Ice packs

Claudine Sia

Young stars stress need for education

CELEBRITIES CARLA HUMPHries, Johanna "Kiray" Celis, Miles Ocampo, Michael Flores and star athlete Chris Tiu know that being students is one of the most rewarding periods in a young person's life.

ABS-CBN talent Humphries, 18, who studies entrepreneurship at the Center for International Education, keeps school a top priority despite her many commitments.

In fact, she encourages other young people like her to know their priorities and listen to their parents in dealing with problems.

Blue Eagles star player Chris Tiu's hectic training schedule did not keep him from completing Management Engineering. He said all it needed was a lot of focus.

This allowed him to juggle schoolwork, basketball and membership in the Sangguniang Kabataan.

Young stars Miles Ocampo and Kiray Celis of "Going Bulilit" and Michael Flores of "Super Inggo," also did not let television work get in the way of their education.

Parents can let their kids also have a lot of great experiences like these young celebrities this school year with the help of Metrobank Credit Card. Use the card for all academic requirements like enrollment fees, sports equipment, books, cultural trips.

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THE STARS of "Going Bulilit" juggle TV work and education.

MICHAEL Flores, Miles Ocampo, Kiray Celis of "Going Bulilit"

Programs for special children for 2007-2008

ENROLLMENT IS ONGOING until June 30 at Cupertino Center for Special Children, the nonstock, nonprofit day school run by the Foundation for Retarded Children, Inc.

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ROOTS AND WINGS
Cathy Babao-Guballa

Rookie moms and birthing rooms

The journey to a memorable first-time birth experience begins with choosing the right OB-gyn

YOU ALWAYS REMEMBER ALL the firsts in your life.

I became a first-time mom in 1991. I can still remember how excited I was when I first found out I was pregnant. My husband and I were living in Hong Kong at that time and the first order of the day was to look for a competent OB-gyn whom we could trust and be comfortable with.

My first OB-gyn was a male, British doctor who had a thriving practice and hundreds of expat patients. He was okay but not too warm and approachable and so on my fourth month, we moved to a Portuguese doctor who ran a clinic in (of all places) Central, Hong Kong's business district. Dr. Lopez was very kind, attentive, professional but fatherly. Being a rookie mom, I had a lot of questions and he would patiently respond to each month. Not surprisingly, he had many Filipina patients, who were expatriate wives as well.

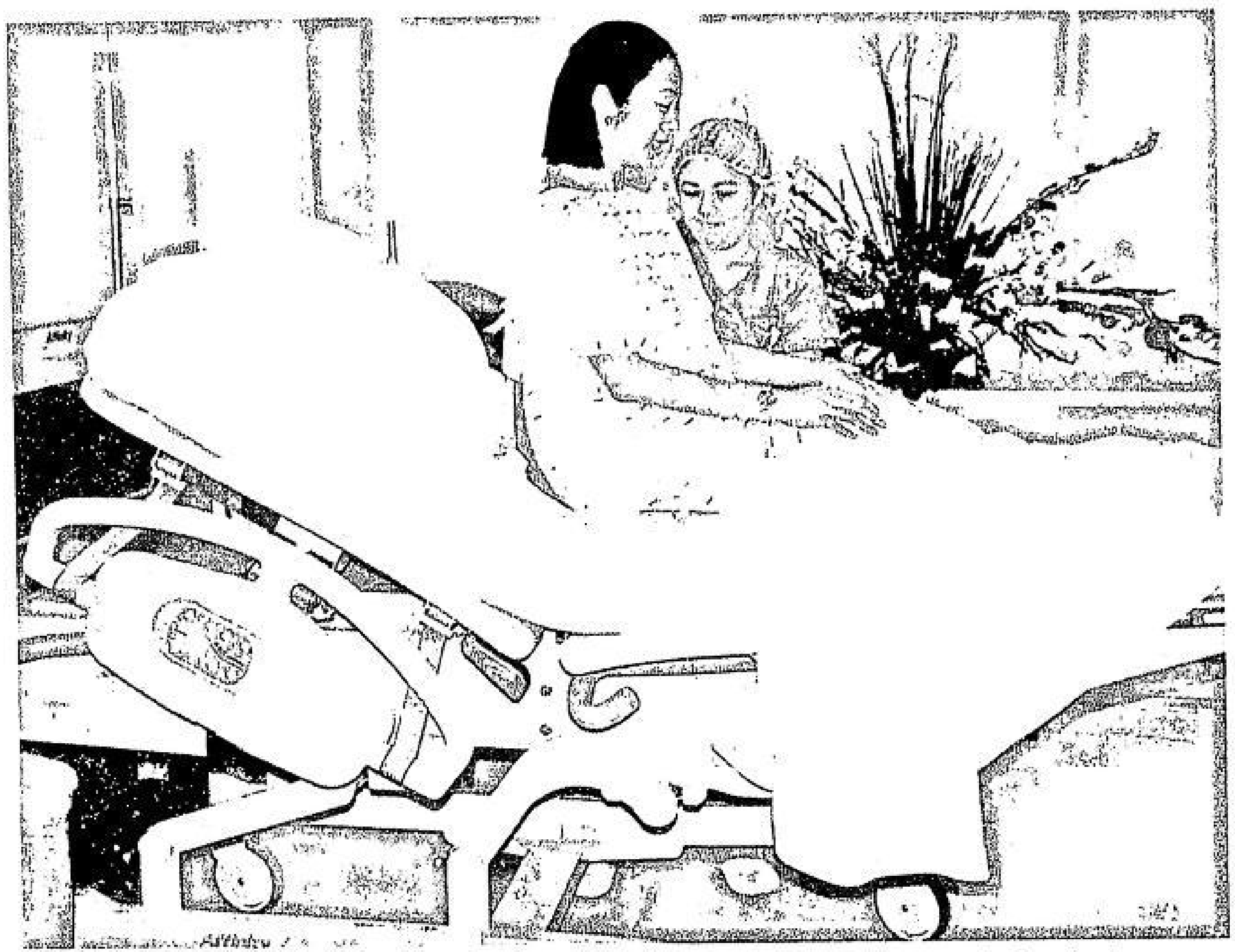
On my eighth month, my husband and I flew to Manila to await the arrival of our baby. Here, I was under the care of a wonderful OB-gyne, Dr. Florante Gonzaga, who heads the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Medical City; he took excellent care of me and he eventually delivered all my three children.

Dr. Gonzaga gave me a selection of hospitals to choose from at that time—Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital (OLMH), Cardinal Santos Medical Center (CSMC) and Medical City (it was the old one at that time).

For some reason, that I don't remember now, I chose to deliver my baby at OLMH. My succeeding births were at CSMC and Medical City—I'm a veteran of delivery rooms of various hospitals if you can call it that.

The one thing that stood out from all my experiences, and especially when I was a rookie mom, was the care extended to me by the nursing staff and the nuns at OLMH. When you are a first-time mother, the care and support that you receive from your doctors, the medical staff, your family and your partner can really make or break that first experience.

DR. ANNABELLE Aherrera and the Rolls-Royce of all birthing beds



THE BIRTHING room of Makati Medical Center is newly renovated and was used by Kris Aquino for a few hours before delivering her baby James last April.

Private rooms

The journey to a memorable first-time birth experience begins with choosing the right OB-gyn. Here are some important things to consider when choosing one or choosing to decide to move to a new one if you are not happy with your current OB-gyn.

- Get recommendations from your family doctor, friends or family members. This is the way we Pinoys normally do it and it is always a good idea to ask someone who has had some experience with the doctor you are considering.
- If you are using your company's health card, get a list of the OB-gyn's that your health card covers and ask around. Officemates are always a good source of information.
- Schedule a consultation with each of the doctors you are considering to evaluate their personality, as well as the helpfulness of the staff and the punctuality of their appointment scheduling. Don't just go to one, try and visit at least two. If you are not happy with your first choice, have a back-up. If you feel that the office visit didn't go smoothly, find another doctor whom you can feel more comfortable with.
- Comfort is the key when choosing an OB-gyn. The doctor will examine the most intimate area of your body, and you will want to feel comfortable asking the doctor questions that may embarrass you.
- Make sure to ask around for referrals but at the end of the day, trust your gut. You will be having a relationship with your OB-gyn at a crucial point in your life and it is a relationship that you may decide to keep all throughout your reproductive years so make sure to choose wisely and well.

Another important aspect you will need to consider is the hospital you will eventually deliver your baby in. The hospital's proximity to your home is a major consideration. With horrendous traffic jams occurring every day, it is important (and for your peace of mind) that you are able to get to the hospital in time!

I had three C-sections, but still found myself rushing to the hospital twice because two of my babies decide to come out one day earlier.

I really tip my hat to mommies who are able to deliver through the natural method and all the more with the use of the Lamaze method. I was very pleased to see that unlike in the '90s when I first became a mom, there are now many hospitals equipped with private birthing rooms where the moms can labor (and some actually deliver) in private.

One of the newest and nicest birthing rooms in town can be found at Makati Medical Center (MMC). The birthing room is newly renovated and was used by Kris Aquino for a few hours before delivering her baby James last April.

MMC's birthing room is equipped with the new state-of-the-art Hill-Rom Affinity III Birthing Bed which is made to accommodate virtually any choice women prefer. It is built for comfort no matter what position a laboring mommy decides to make.

The bed was recently purchased by the hospital and is the "Rolls-Royce" of all birthing beds, so to speak.

Since I had cesarian babies and never went into labor, I had little appreciation or understanding for the use of a birthing room. Then I realized that a private birthing room allows a mommy a great deal of privacy, a large space for freedom of movement, and the support of a partner or spouse to be present at all times.

Privacy and comfort are essential to a woman's labor period, and MMC's birthing rooms and labor rooms provide both. I was glad to find out that the labor rooms here only put in two moms at a time. Add that to the fact that MMC is known for its tradition of excellence, caring and expertise it's no wonder that Kris, even if she eventually had a C-section herself, chose to deliver her baby here.

Mommies who wish to know more about how to give their babies a good night's sleep are invited to the "First Baby Bedtime Expo" sponsored by Johnson & Johnson at Market! Market! on June 3, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Dr. Michael Sarte, a sleep expert will talk about sleep disorders and provide you ways how you and your baby can get a good-night's sleep. Freebies and loads of fun are in store for early mommy registrants.

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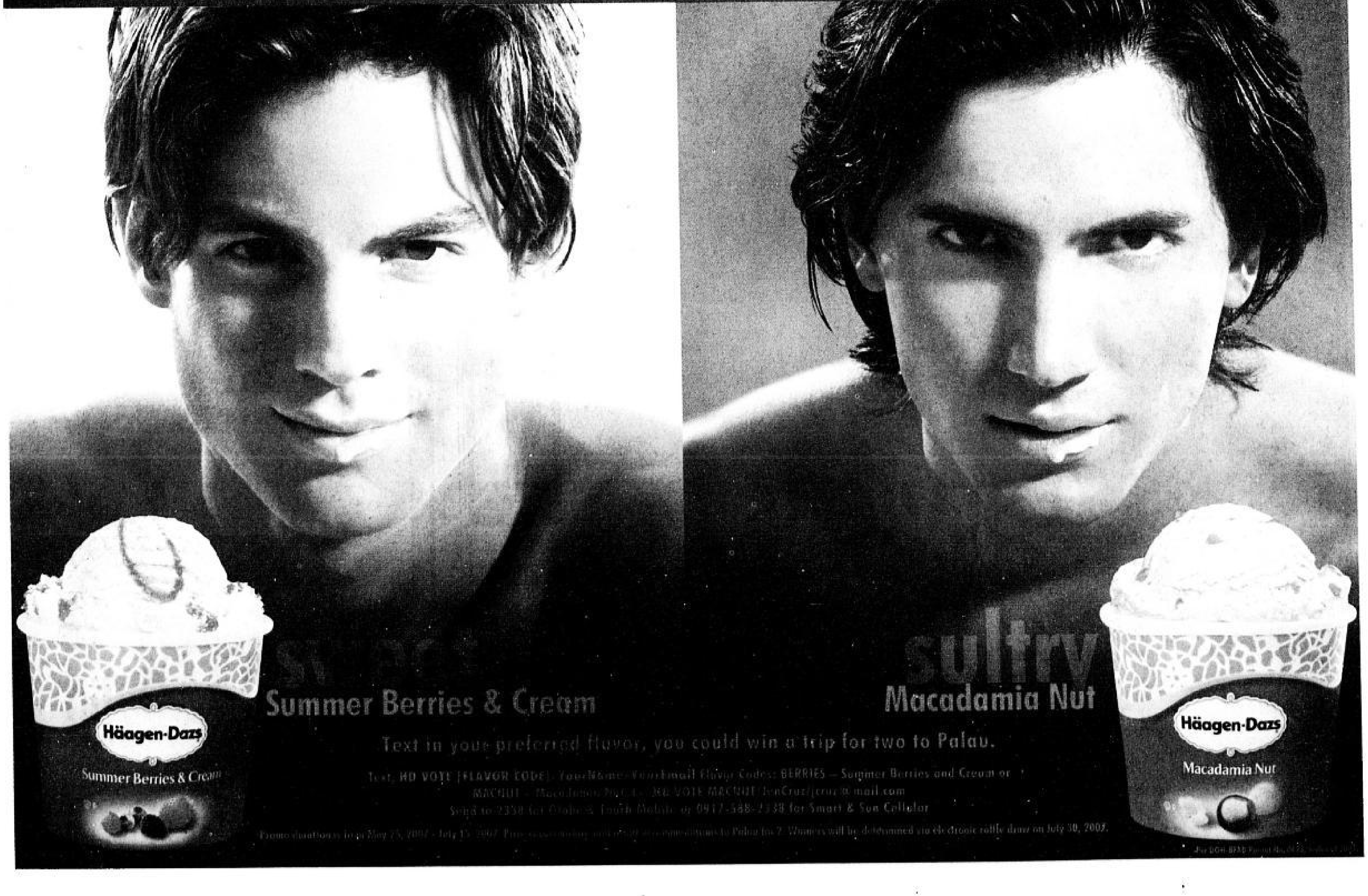

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Store helps save Philippine wildlife

ANIMALAND, THE DO-IT-YOURSELF stuffed animal shop opened its biggest store in Bonifacio Highstreet. To highlight the opening was a fashion show presenting stuffed animal fashions by Animaland and great kiddie fashions by Cinderella Kids, Oshkosh B'Gosh and Naf Naf.

In addition to providing fun and stimulating the artistry and creativity of children, teens and adults alike, Animaland strives to foster a genuine affection for people and for real animals through its stuffed animals.

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CJ JESENA of Ayala Land, Animaland chief operating officer Belinda Dy, Janet Coronel of Cinderella, Kim Atienza, Dr. Mundita Lim of Pawvi and Dr. Bernardino of Manila Zoo

Seen during the Animaland opening were CJ Jesena of Ayala Land, Janet Coronel and Malou de Venecia of Cinderella, and Kim Atienza.

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Nokia 6300 Takes The Streets

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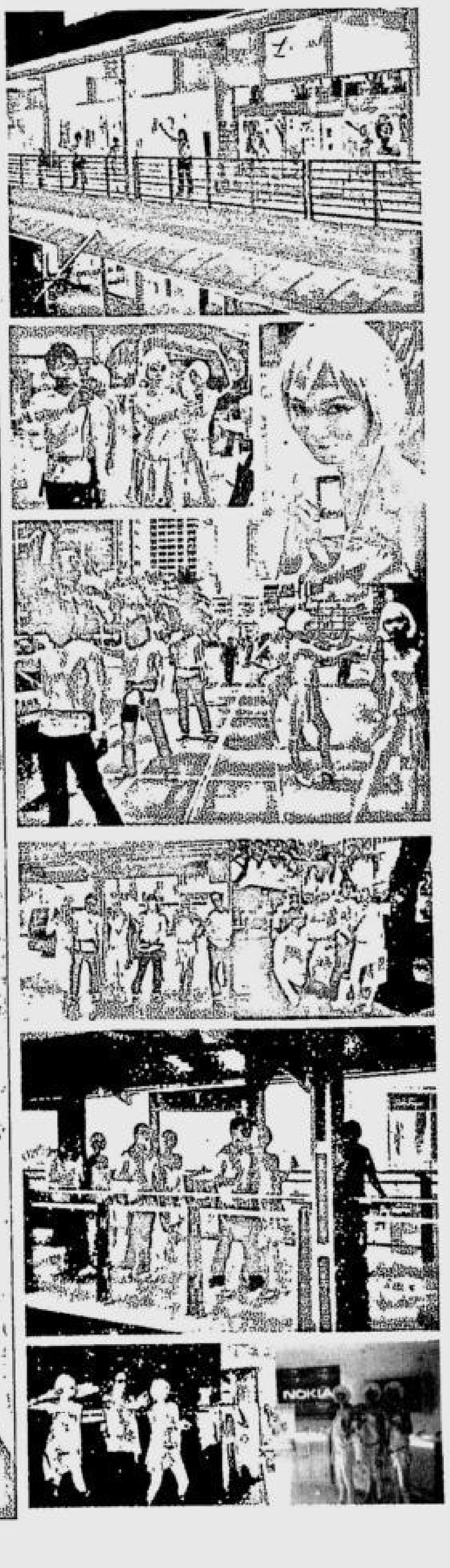
Sexy and stunning models recently highlighted the fashionable qualities of the Nokia 6300 by strutting their stuff on the streets, bars and malls of Alabang, Makati, Ortigas and Quezon City.

For 5 days, models walked, paraded, sashayed and posed in various locations throughout the metro, all of them dressed in chic silver garbs, each having the stylish Nokia 6300 in hand.

They first invaded the streets of Ayala Avenue and Ortigas. Then they went to the stores and shops of Glorietta, Greenbelt, Podium, Shangri-la and SM Mall of Asia. They also went to the bars, restos and coffeeshops of the hottest nightspots in Alabang, Greenhills, Makati, The Fort and Quezon City.

By showcasing its striking features in a unique fashion show, the Nokia 6300 has proven to be the perfect mobile phone cum fashion accessory that you can take to the streets. The sleek and stylish Nokia 6300 has made its statement: one can exude sophistication even with simplicity, because true style never shouts.



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Where do passionate minds play?
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Rachy is bamboo-sold

Cuna said he went around to see everything made of 'kawayan,' things usually found on the roadside but hardly noticed

Text by Linda B. Bolido
Photos by Rodel Rotoni

KAHIMIG

THE TITLE IS A challenge to the tongue, but the show is easy on the eye, though that is an understatement.

For "Kawayanihan," well-known stylist Rachy Cuna has brought his considerable imagination and artistry to bear on a lowly grass, the often unappreciated bamboo.

The show, ongoing until June 14 at the lobby of the Hotel InterContinental in Makati City, is a collection of 14 installations that underscores the versatility of the bamboo.

The exhibit is part of the annual celebration of Heritage Festival Month, which this year has bamboo for its theme.

Cuna said he came up with the title by combining *kawayan* and *bayanihan*, Filipino for cooperation and also the name of the world-famous award-winning

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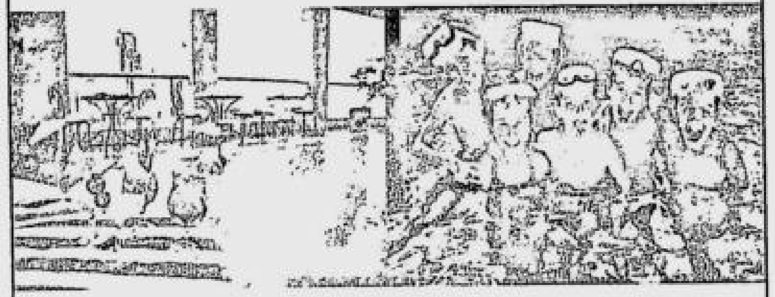

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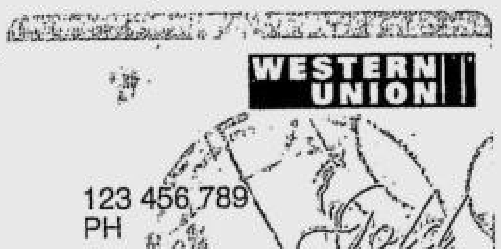

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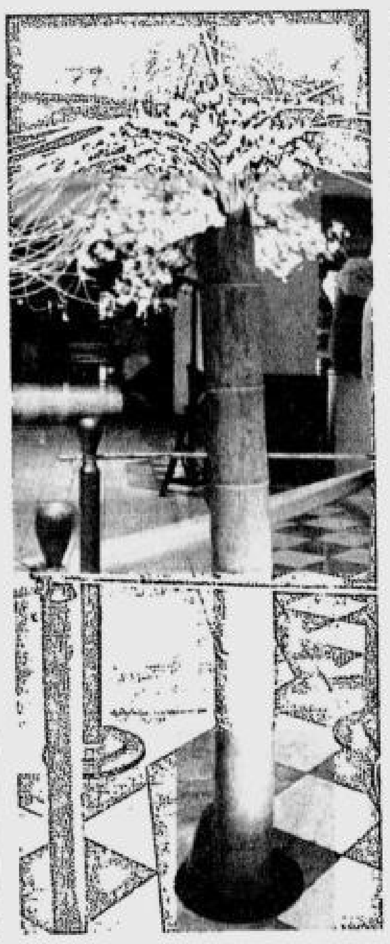
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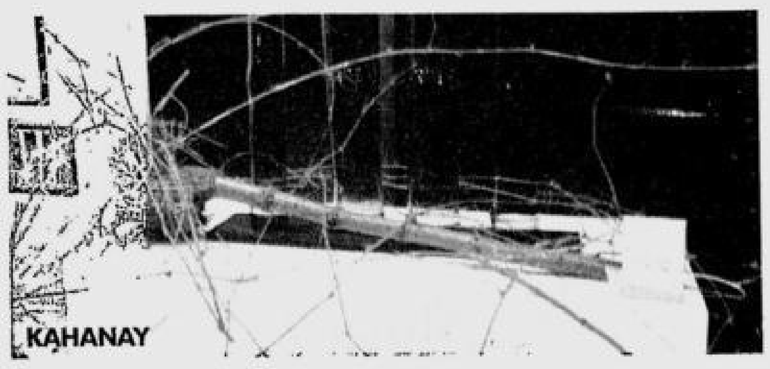
RACHY Cuna is brought to center stage under a colorful umbrella by Bayanihan dancers.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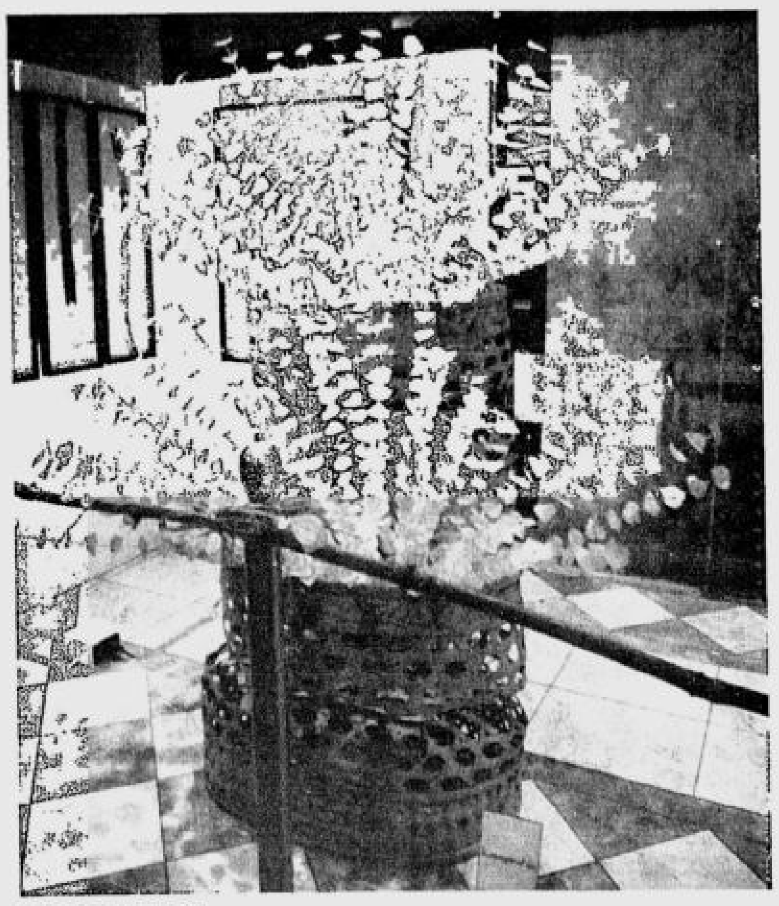
KASAGANAAN

Rachy is bamboo-sold

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cultural troupe that performed during the formal opening of the show.

He hoped the title would convey the values of self-reliance, cooperation and versatility that Filipinos possessed or aspired to have.

Nondescript pieces

Using bamboo and products made from different parts of the country, Cuna's creative hands transformed nondescript items like the traditional *duyan*, carrying basket for pig or other livestock and hen's nesting basket into decorative pieces that could be given pride of place even in the most opulent of surroundings.

"I went around to see everything made of bamboo," Cuna explained his process of collection and elimination, "things you usually find on the roadside but hardly notice."

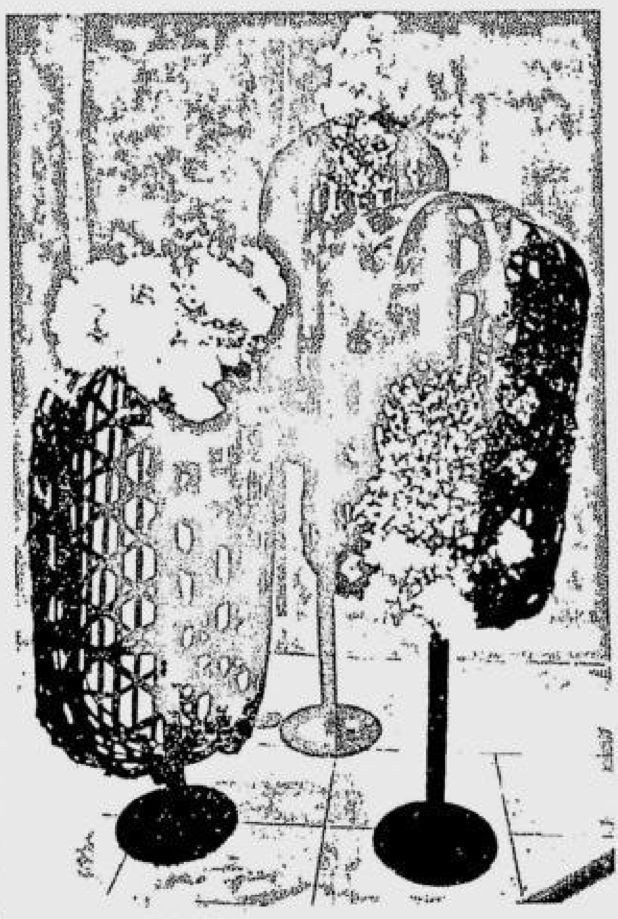
He then enlisted the help of frequent collaborators, artists and craftspeople Renato Vidal, Bobby Castillo and Emy Cuenca, to provide the rest of the materials he needed like fossilized flowers and craft the objects he wanted—balls covered in tiny cut pieces of bamboo leaves, bamboo strips formed into different shapes, etc.

The finished pieces were 70 percent bamboo and 30 percent other things—glass, metal, paper, palm fronds—but all of them Filipino in origin.

To give the collection a single, unified image, Cuna gave the pieces names beginning with the letter K—"Kabilog-bilogan," "Kapitapitagan," "Kaisa," "Kasibulan," even "Kabonggahan" for an elaborate arrangement of cabbage roses, bamboo basket, twigs and twines.

And they erupted in the vibrant colors of Filipino fiestas. Bright orange and reds, light greens, sunshiny yellow were used not to distract from the star of the show, the bamboo, but to draw attention to it and underscore the many creative ideas it could lend itself to.

In keeping with the evening's theme and a tradition in Cuna shows, guests were greeted with a silver, bamboo-shaped brooch. At the end of the show, they left with woven Birds of Peace, handed out by Cuna and InterCon general manager Christian Pirodon.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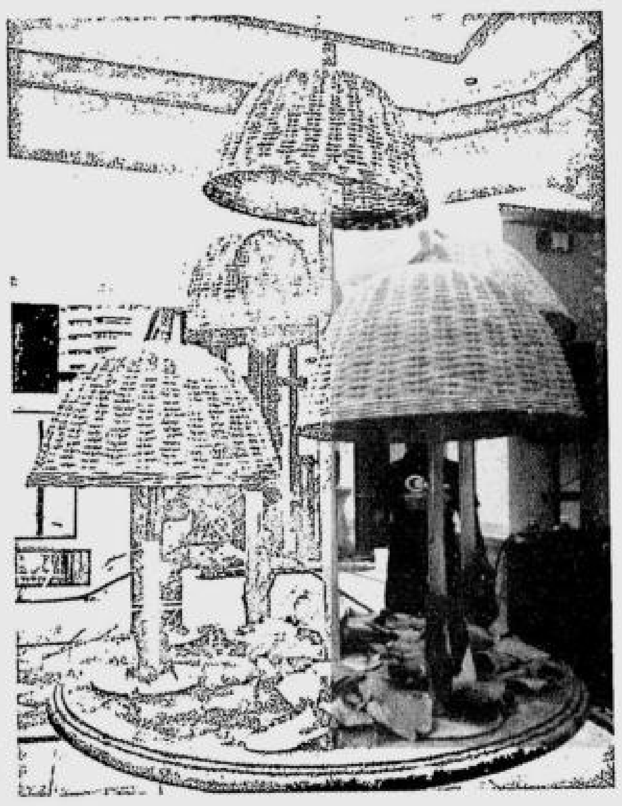
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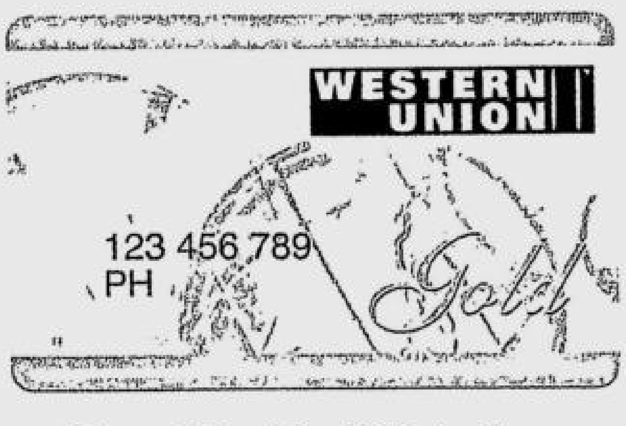

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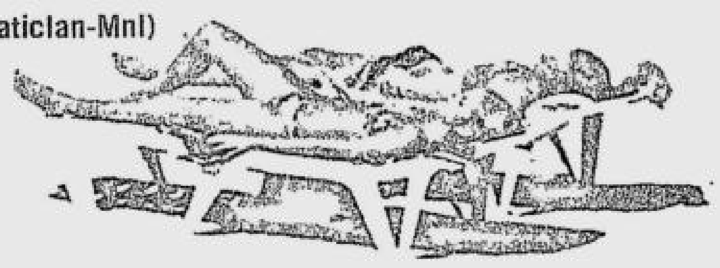

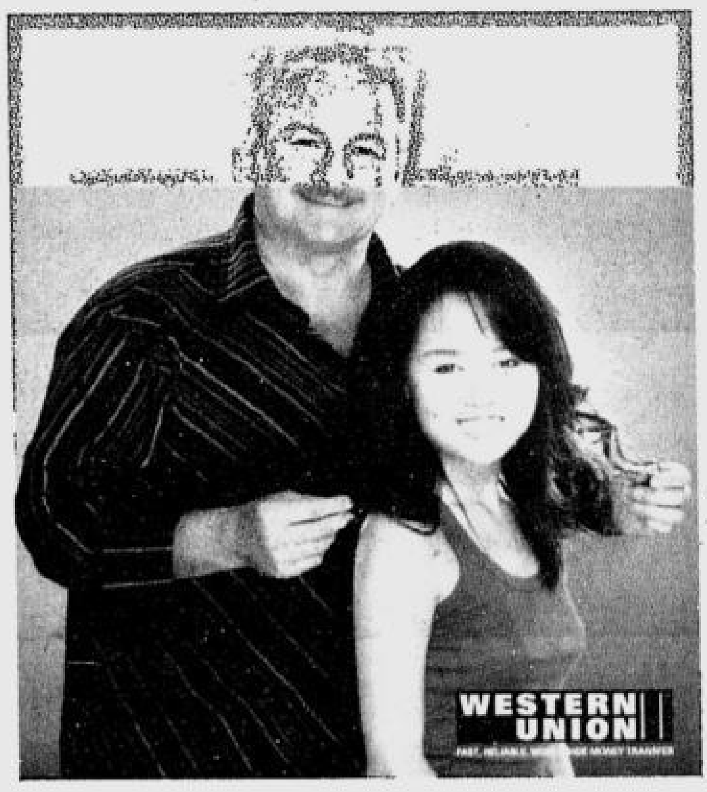

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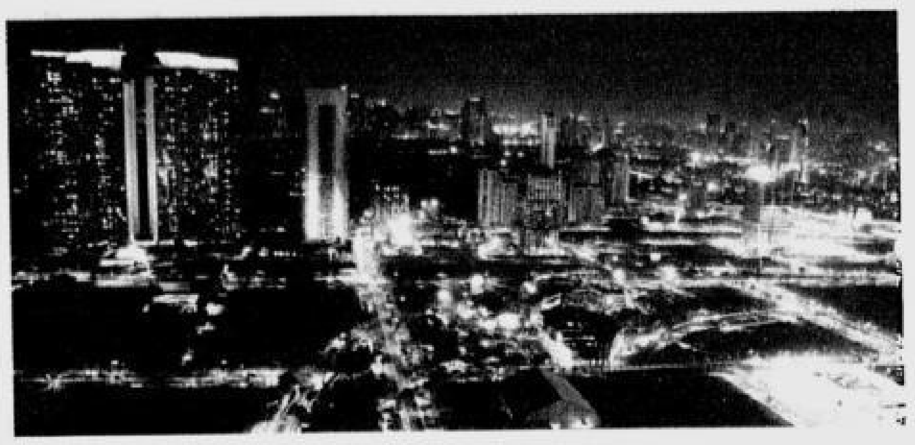
Designated hotspots make the city Wi-Fi friendly.

Moreover, plans to fully wire the city are underway and soon enough, internet surfing will be possible at any point within the territory.

Complementing the technological advancement is the fact that a 25-hectare portion of Bonifacio Global City is a PEZA-accredited IT Zone. "As an IT Zone, Bonifacio Global City's IT and BPO locators enjoy generous benefits like tax holidays and other incentives," says Henry Yap, Head of Property Planning and Design for Fort Bonifacio Development Corporation (FBDC). "It is also easier for foreign companies to bring in their foreign executives because of the ease in obtaining work permits. The companies or locators also get incentives when they purchase land or export products," Yap explains.



Bonifacio Global City by night

Breathing Life Into The City, 24 Hours A Day!

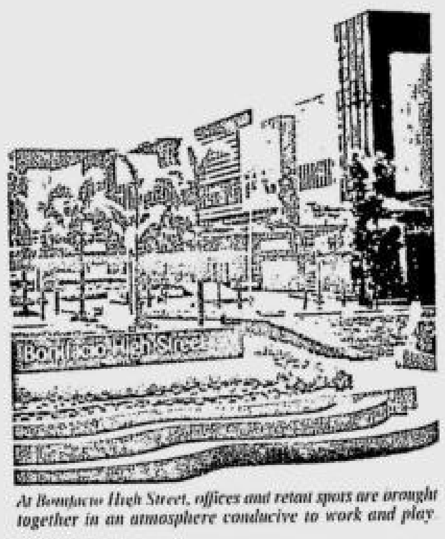
In running a CBD like Bonifacio Global City, the value of a steady supply of power and water cannot be underestimated. As expected, Bonifacio Global City again exceeds expectations and boasts of world-class utilities. It is equipped with an underground drainage detention structure that is intended to prevent floods in Bonifacio Global City and adjoining areas. Its fiber optic cabling network supports a wide range of telephone, video and data applications. Electric power is supplied by Meralco through underground lines powered by several Meralco power sub-stations, reducing the possibility of power outages and ensuring round-the-clock electric service to residents and offices such as BPOs. The Bonifacio Water Corporation, with its water reservoirs, water and sewerage system assures strong water pressure 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and ensures the collection and treatment of sewage water according to acceptable environmental standards.

Bonifacio Global City benefits from an underground LPG system which is owned and operated by Bonifacio Gas Corporation, a joint venture between FBDC and Pilipinas Shell. "We adapted the system from designs abroad, particularly Hongkong, and other developed countries," says Edwin Laset, General Manager for Bonifacio Gas Corporation. The underground system has proven beneficial in terms of its safety and reliability.

The attractiveness of Bonifacio Global City is further enhanced by world-class city and property management services provided by the Bonifacio Estate Services Corporation (BESC). BESC is responsible for the enforcement of rules and restrictions, security and traffic management, city cleanliness, maintenance of landscaping and the thousands of trees around Bonifacio Global City, and providing emergency response teams and support services. Bonifacio Global City has its own private ambulance and state-of-the-art fire truck and support system.

Being the first large-scale development in the Philippines to be fully equipped with modern world-class utilities and efficient city management is another testament to Bonifacio Global City as a City that Works!

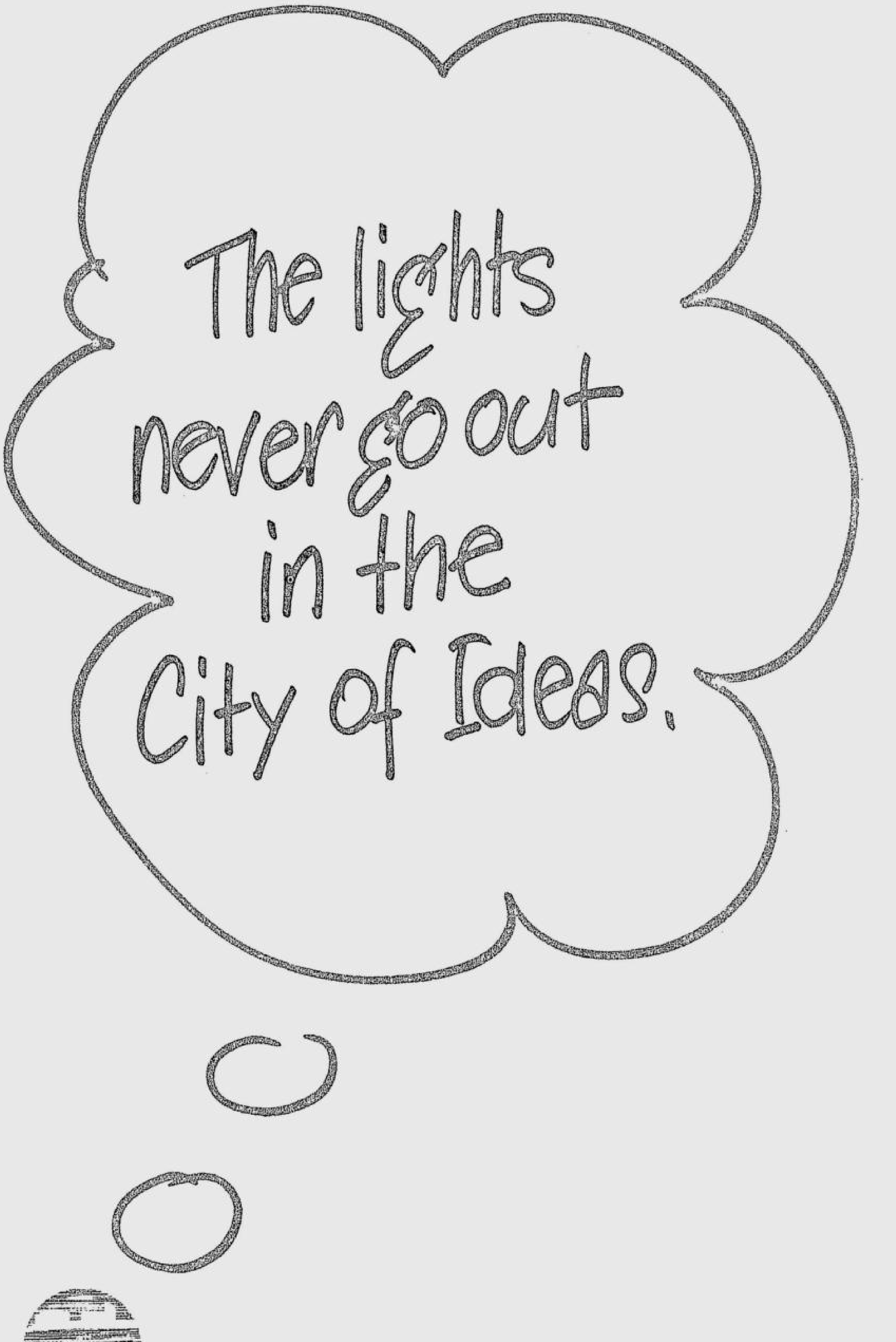
Where Work Meets Play



At Bonifacio High Street, offices and retail spots are brought together in an atmosphere conducive to work and play.

True to the city's promise of a work-life balance, Bonifacio Global City offers an array of leisure spots to cater to everyone's recreational needs. Individuals seeking high-energy, entertainment spots will enjoy the bustling excitement of The Fort Square, where they can dance the night away at Embassy Club or sit down for good food, drinks and the company of friends at the area's many dining spots such as The Good Earth Tea Room, L'Opera, Gourdo's, Le Souffle and Pier 1. As an emerging retail mecca, Bonifacio Global City is home to well-known brands, concept stores and unique dining places at Bonifacio High Street, a 40 meter wide and nearly a kilometer long park, dotted with interactive art pieces, which starts at Serendra and stretches up to Third Avenue. At Serendra, you can find one-of-a-kind restaurants such as Conti's, Silk, Duo, Mezzaluna, and Tea and Therapy; unique shops on the second floor that carry gift and home items, accessories, and other goods such as Luna, Peppered Cherry, Isa Casa, Habi Home, and Hermle; various art galleries and service stores such as Nail Tropics and Fix Lab, plus those that cater to kids and families such as Gymboree and Blow Up Babies. Bonifacio High Street, on the other hand, has popular restaurants and rows of flagship stores and winner brands. Among these include Mini Shabu Shabu, Texas Roadhouse Grill, Wrist Pod, Puma, The Face Shop, Lush, and other restaurants, coffee shops and retail shops.

Jun Bisnar, Head of Commercial Operations for Fort Bonifacio Development Corporation, boasts of the city's other leisure offerings. "We have Speed Zone where you can do go-karting. We also have a sports camp," he says. "You can also bike around the city," he adds, referring to Bonifacio Global City's designated bike routes. In the home of passionate minds, leisure is not just an extracurricular activity. It's a necessity for the live-work-play lifestyle.



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COLORFUL costumes at the finale of Flamenco Show

Gypsy-dancing and other adventures in España!

Picture the Sea Princess dancing the fiery flamenco —in flowing ruffled skirt and with blonde wig

TESSA!
Tessa Prieto-Valdes

VAMOS A BAILAR EN España! The raw passion of flamenco is best learned in the heart of the Andalucian region of Spain. Andalucia has a rich and diverse culture, and an artistic heritage central to many of the world's best flamenco artists and schools. Seville and Granada are some of the more famous dance meccas, but a little quaint town called Jerez in the City of Cadiz is home to the Andalucian Flamenco Center.

To fast-track my improvement in Flamenco, currently at a beginner level that is more costume than skill, I thought it would be great to join an intensive workshop in Spain. The Ginajane Grey Dance & Art Center (call 0917-536-8172 or check out www.ginajanegrey.com) organized a group to go to Spain and experience the fervor of this most passionate dance.

I was lured into the trip from watching the advance Flamenco class of sultry instructor **Ginajane Grey**. After my belly-dancing class, I would be so impressed while sitting in the back and removing the bangles, coin belts, beaded scarves and other accessories that altogether weigh me down by over five pounds.

Flamenco is a passionate mix of flowing ruffled skirts, graceful arm movements and the powerful stomping of the feet, all in a beautiful choreography. It was all enough to convince me to head to sunny Spain!

And so, dropping everything including my husband and kids, I headed off with Ginajane and several classmates for almost a month of dance. The group had, of course, separate side and weekend trips but the two-week flamenco extravaganza in Jerez was the main focus.

Raw energy

Barcelona's organic energy, with the architectural features of its most famous architect, **Antoni Gaudi**, was instantly felt as we walked around the city streets. Still fully loaded with euros and unused credit cards, we eagerly shopped at every corner Zara and Mango and the city's version of Shoe Mart, El Corte Ingles. We loaded up on fans, flamenco shoes, *mantons* and the usual souvenirs for *pasalubong*.

Having been amply warned about the notorious gypsies preying on tourists around the famous Las Ramblas, we held on to our bags

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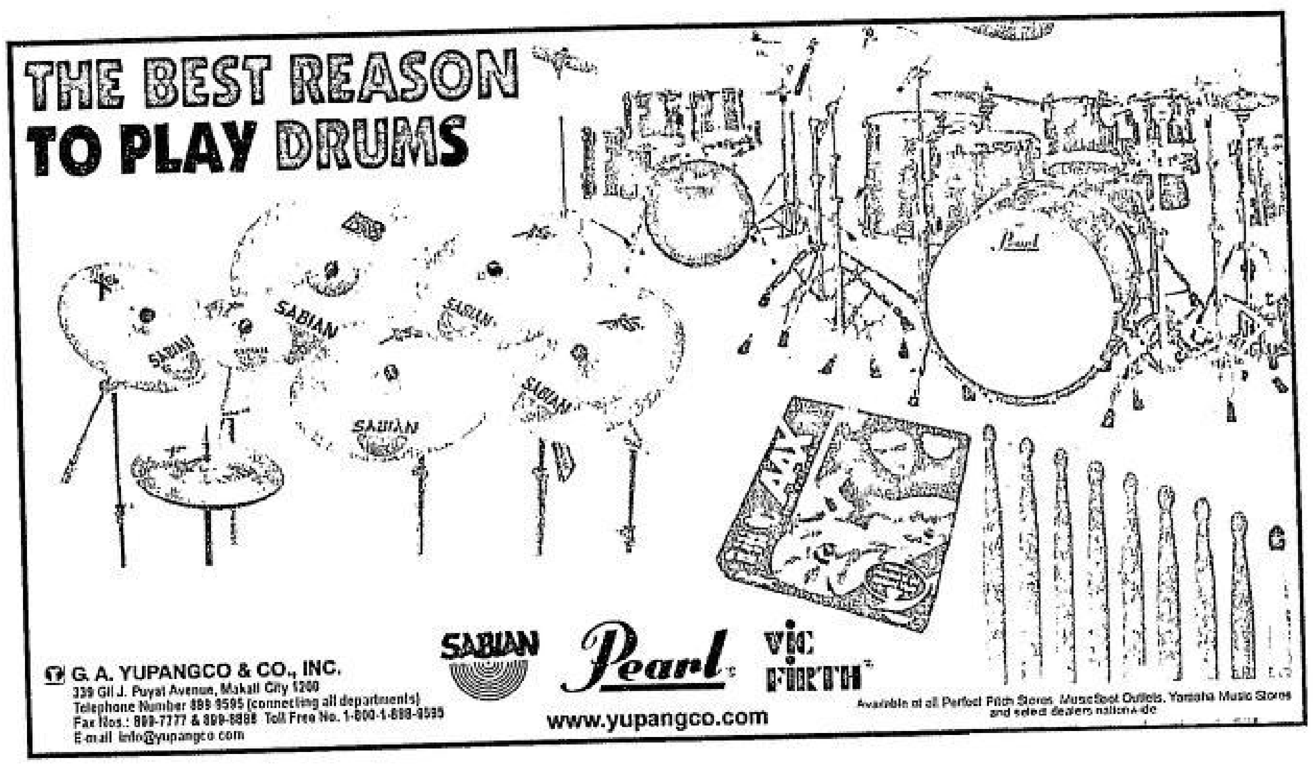
SEAFOOD dining al fresco at the Las Ramblas market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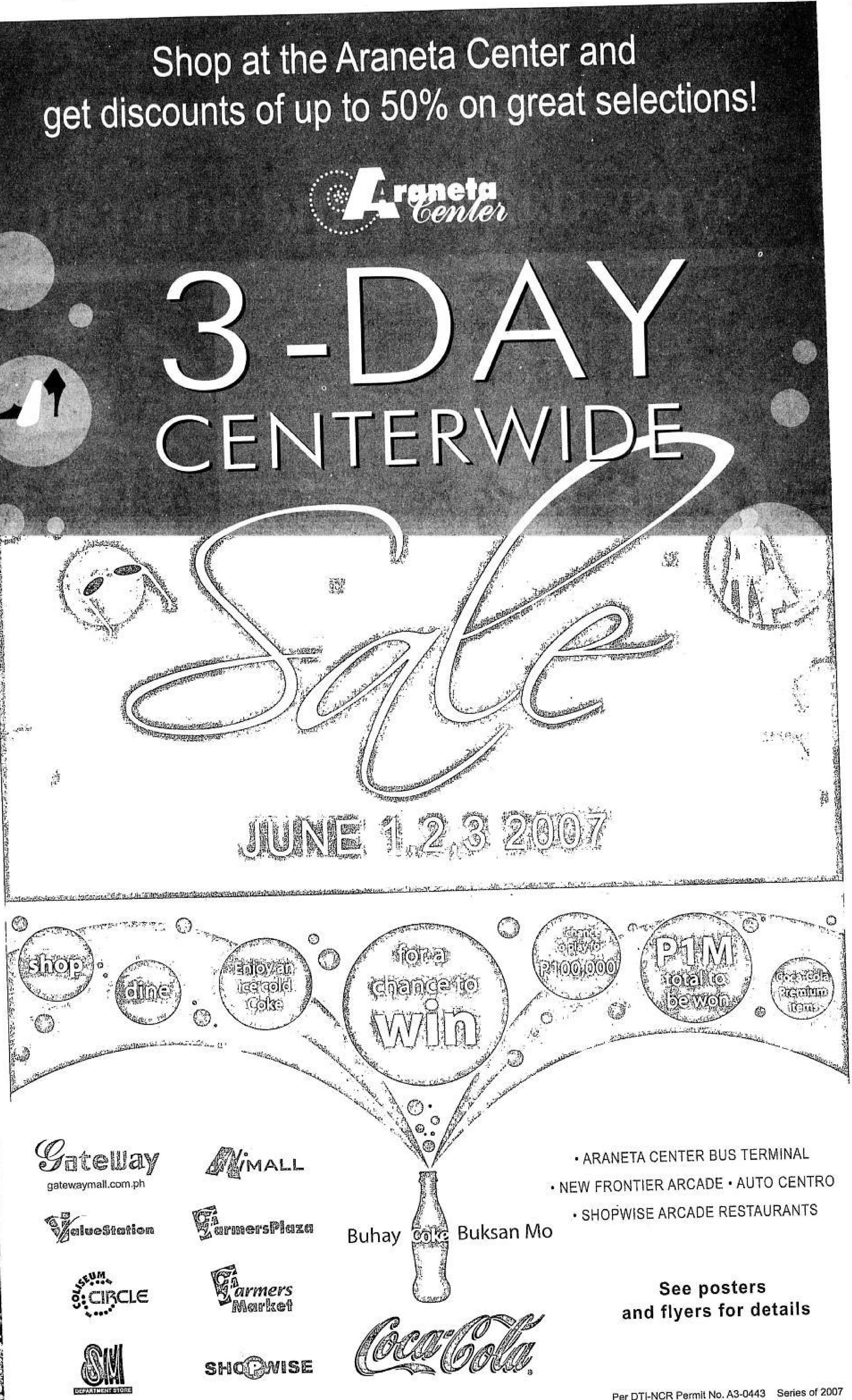
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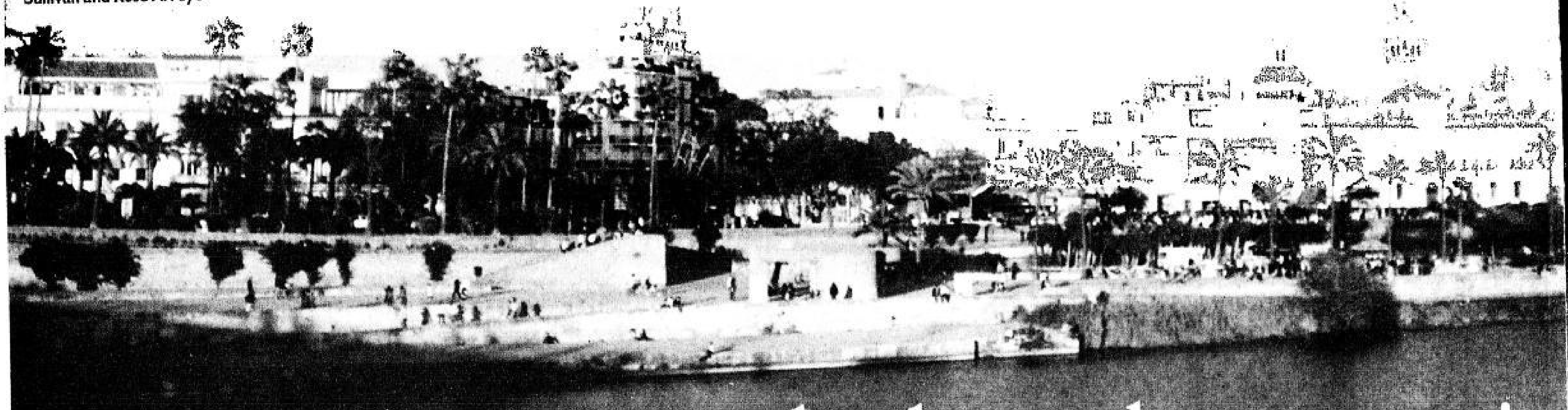
FLAMENCO master Gloria Galdon (the blonde) with students Sea Princess, Megumi Utsumi, Satomi Matsuo, Vikki Santos, Frey Sullivan and Rose Arroyo

GINAJANE Grey Dance & Art Center Flamenco students at Rockwell Club

GREAT *tapas* and service at Casa Cuesta Restaurant at Triana with Herman Grey



Gypsy-dancing and other adventures in

FLAMENCO posing by the Cathedral of the Saviour at Jerez

FLAMENCO shopping at Tamara Shop with roommate Frey Sullivan

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tightly. We entered an open market with merchants selling all kinds of nuts, dates, jellies and olive oil. Our first taste of delicious seafood, spread with the Spanish staple dish, *paella*, was right next to the market.

Unfortunately, on our last day, our centrally located apartment was broken into and my laptop was stolen along with other items and cash from the other girls. I regret not having backed up my files before I left, but luckily, aside from the tangible things, not much else was lost.

Heavy-hearted, our little dance group headed to Jerez to start our workshop with a blonde Esmeralda, flamenco instructor **Gloria Galdon**, who cheered us up instantly. Popularly known as Gloria de Jerez, she taught us how to feel the steps and go "contra-tempo" with the music. All too overwhelming, we absorbed as much as we could and hoped to remember all the choreography and postures to somehow look more like a true *flamenquera*.

International troupe

My fun classmates were like an international troupe, with a pretty Chinese lady who spoke fluent, deep Tagalog, two Japanese ladies who were our "honor students" and the rest of the Pinays along with a blonde Sea Princess. After class, we ate *tapas* just like the Spaniards and drank the town's famous Sherry wine. We even spent one evening till dawn with cute gypsy musicians and artists. I will not tell the rest of the story to spare the ladies from their husband's inquiries.

Normally, this quiet town seems like a retirement place, but those two weeks were busy with Semana Santa (Easter) and preparations for Spain's international motorcycling circuit. Aside from that, the Royal Andalucian School of Equestrian Art has year-round equestrian displays, elaborate harnesses and trappings and dressage. The shows get busloads of tourists. I even bumped into my niece, **Alexi Prieto**, who was touring with her classmates from Lansing Catholic High School in Michigan.

The weekend between workshops, my mainstay roommate and shopping buddy, **Frey Sullivan**, and I went to Madrid and Granada. The two cities are examples of how diverse the life and culture of Spain is.

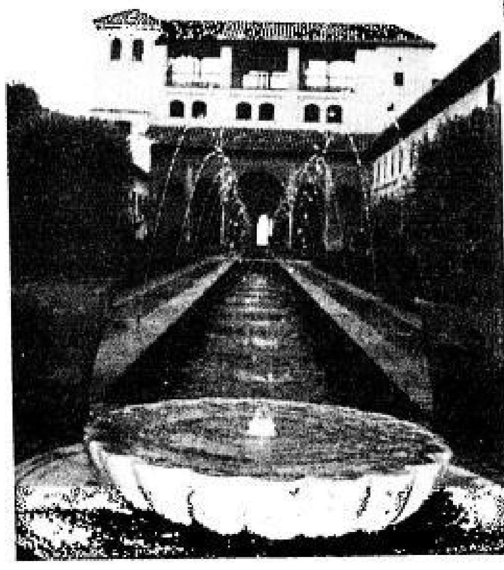
The cosmopolitan, sophisticated elegance of Madrid boasts of its majestic fountains, the Prado Museum and numerous *hamon* shops. The splendor of this jewel of Andalucia, Granada has the Alhambra, the finest Islamic and Christian architectural palace nestled on a hill and Albayzin, the town directly across with the impressive view of the Alhambra. No words can describe the imposing grandeur of this palace.

MADRID lights on the Instituto Cervantes Building

PASSIONATE Flamenco instructors Ginajane Grey, Gloria Galdon and Ana Blanco Barea

GRADUATING niece Alexi Prieto touring Spain

ROYAL fountains at the Alhambra Palace in Granada



Historic Seville

Equally worth visiting is the historic city of Seville. I highly recommend that tourists take the two-hour tour, on a luminously yellow double-decker bus, to get familiar with the place. You can hop on and off the bus all day for the same fare. Have lunch in Casa Cuesta Restaurant in Triana. It was our hands-down favorite.

We caught a traditional bullfight on our way out of Spain. This bloodlust sport may be at the top of the list of animal rights NGOs, but is still popular among aficionados. Aside from the bull, I also felt sorry for the blindfolded horses in the ring. Truly, this is one art form that is not for everyone.

We watched several flamenco shows to really admire and be in total awe with the strength, energy and passion of the dancers, many of whom have been dancing since they learned to walk. As the Ginajane Grey Dance Studio prepares for its third annual recital in November, we can all be proud of the authenticity the dancers will bring to the program.

After traipsing through Spain, I was just so happy to arrive back home. My dependable husband had produced a wonderful anniversary gift—a new Mac laptop with all my old files! It turns out that he is as passionate about backing up files as I am passionate about flamenco! *Vamos a hacer copias de seguridad de sus computadores!*

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New alliance

Northwest Airlines has signed a cooperative agreement with China Airlines. The agreement between Northwest and the Taiwan-based airline includes enhanced frequent flyer benefits and lounge access for Northwest's WorldPerks members, along with convenient electronic ticketing and one-stop check-in for passengers connecting between Northwest and China Airlines flights. It takes effect Aug. 1.

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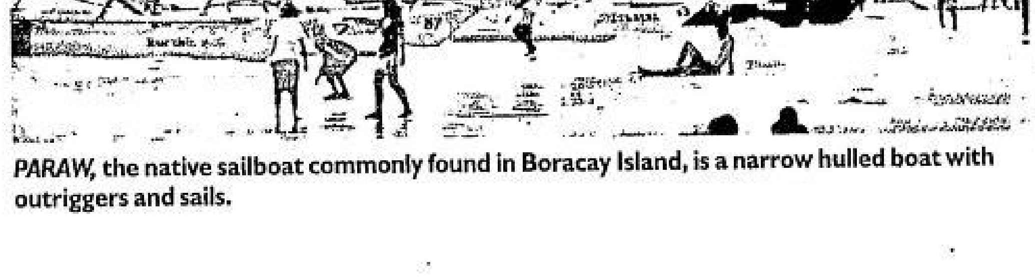
New management

Hotel Pontefino in Batangas City has a new management team headed by new chief operating officer Danny Cabulay. Other officers are Joel Catibog, operations manager; and Mylene Villanueva, director of sales and marketing. Pontefino is owned and operated by Hotel Concepts, Inc., whose CEO is Ricardo Ramon Gutierrez, owner and founder of the Chateau Group of Restaurants. The hotel opened in 2004. The new team promises Pontefino's guests a visit that is both enjoyable and memorable.

Leisure living

Alta Vista de Boracay (tel. 8883333, www.dmcihomes.com), DMCI's first venture into the leisure-residential development, consists of 18 buildings spread across four hectares of prime land in Barangay Yapak. It is set near the world-class golf resort Fairways and Blue Waters and Shangri-La. Unit owners can avail of the leaseback program so their investments earn when they are away from the island, while guests get professional hotel service.



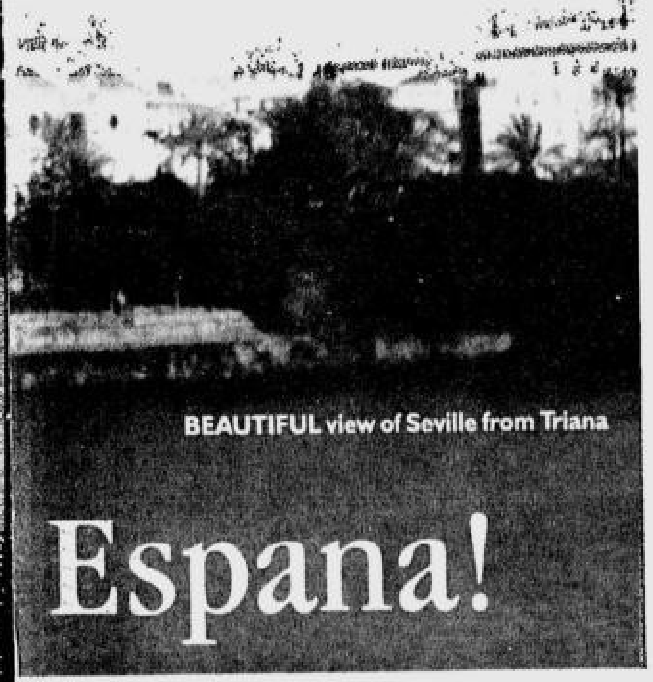
PARAW, the native sailboat commonly found in Boracay Island, is a narrow hulled boat with outriggers and sails.

SWEET-TOOTH ladies Alona Lim and Satomi Matsuo by the candies and nuts market

EL LAGA de Tio Parrilla Flamenco dancers in Jerez

GUITARIST and cantor Jose Galvez de Valle performs while Rose and Ginajane dance

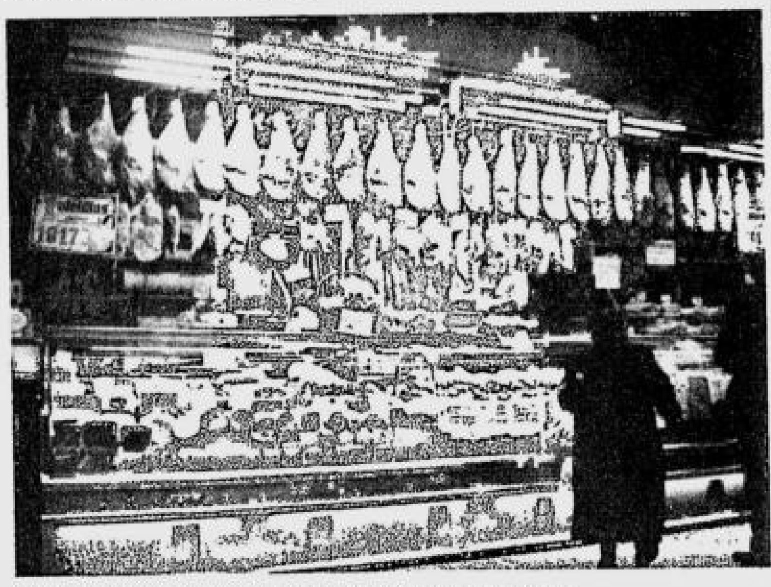
SULTRY Ginajane Grey dancing at the jazz bar

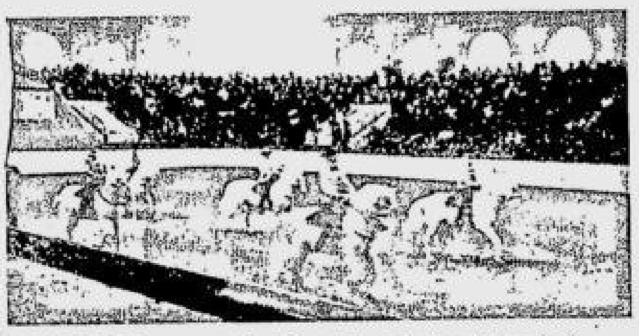

BEAUTIFUL view of Seville from Triana

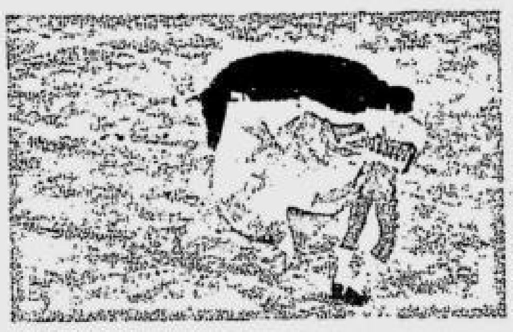
Espana!

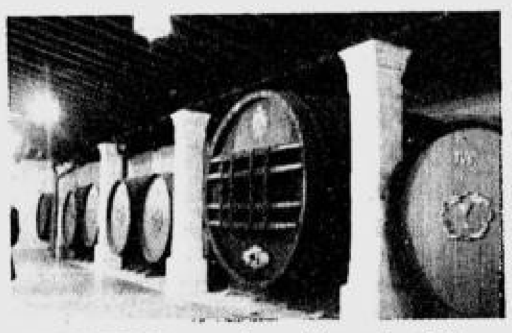
FACADE of the bullring of La Maestranza in Seville

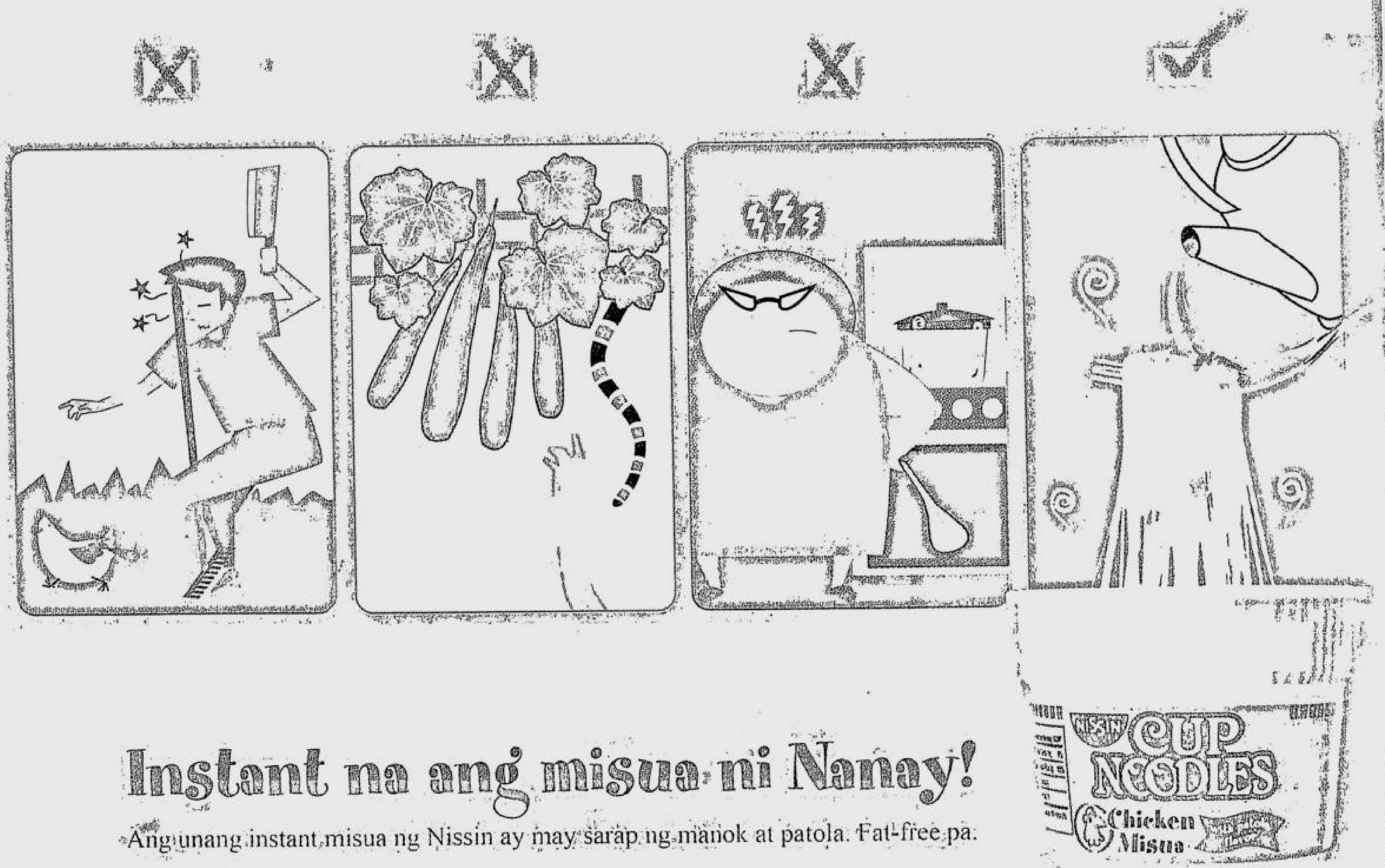
FLAMENCO Show at Seville


MUSEO de Hamon with ham of all shapes and sizes


DANCING horses at the Royal Andalucian School of Equestrian Art Show in Jerez


GRACEFUL matador impresses the audience at Madrid


GIGANTIC Sherry wine oak barrels at Tio Pepe Wine Celler in Jerez



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Canon ImageNation Summer '07

Canon Launches New PowerShot, Digital IXUS, EOS, and PhotoDV Camcorders

Canon Marketing (Philippines), Inc. brings digital imaging to a new level as it introduces a new line of models for the PowerShot, Digital IXUS, PhotoDV, and EOS Digital categories in the Canon ImageNation Summer '07 product exposition.

"Canon celebrates its 10th anniversary in the Philippines this year. We also recently launched our corporate campaign – the Canon ImageNation, which reflects both Canon's capability and reputation of being a total imaging company and more importantly, Canon's relationship with the image-loving Filipino," said Ramon Arteficio, CMPI President and CEO. "With these new line-up of products, we are confident that the Filipinos will be well-equipped to capture all the best images of summer."

Canon Technology Excellence

DIGIC is the digital imaging core behind the PowerShot, Digital IXUS, EOS, and DV camcorders products being launched. This exclusive imaging processor improves internal image processing, which results in faster speed, more accurate auto-focus and improved image quality.

The **DIGIC III** Image Processor is the latest advancement in Canon's proprietary DIGIC technology. Found in the newest PowerShot and Digital IXUS cameras, it boasts of the new Face Detection AF/AE, which intelligently detects up to nine faces in the frame and sets the most suitable focus point.

Developed especially for the new EOS-1D Mark III, Canon's newest technology, **Dual DIGIC III,** gives the camera two of Canon's newest processing units, working in parallel, to dramatically enhance image quality and deliver the speed and power needed to combine 10 million pixels and the ability to capture 10-frames-per-second.

The Canon **DIGIC DV**, unique to Canon camcorders, ensures appropriate color processing for video and stills. **DIGIC DV II** on the other hand, found exclusively in Canon HD camcorders and the new DC50 DVD camcorder, is optimized for demanding operations, increasing battery life by 180% and further improving noise reduction, and color handling.

Canon PowerShot: A great shot every time

Canon updates its best-selling PowerShot range with new and affordable models – the **PowerShot A460, A550, A560, A570 IS,** and **TX1**. The PowerShot **A460** is available in three new colors: silver, blue and red. A selectable Grid Line Display on the LCDs helps with shot composition, while the 2.0" screen size makes it easy for family members to view photos together without having to connect the camera to a PC.

The **PowerShot A560** and **A570 IS** feature a 2.5" LCD screen, making it easier to frame tricky shots or share image playback with friends, while an added feature in the **PowerShot A560** offers users a whopping 19 shooting modes. The **PowerShot A570 IS** also features the Optical Image Stabilizer technology, which ensures blur-free images in low light conditions and at full zoom.

The revolutionary **PowerShot TX1** has the ability to capture high quality images and high definition at 1280x720 video resolution. Its credit card sized body and vertical orientation also distinguishes it from the rest of the PowerShot models. It boasts of 7.1 megapixel resolution and 10x optical zoom lens with Optical Image Stabilizer that helps significantly reduce the blurring effects of camera shake that can occur at long zoom settings or during long exposures.

Canon Digital IXUS: Where style meets substance

The **IXUS 70 and IXUS 75** are the slimmest IXUS digital cameras to date. Using a 7.1 megapixel CCD sensor, Canon has further slimmed down the two new IXUS cameras without sacrificing image quality.

The **IXUS 70 and 75** feature Multiple Face Detection to ensure spectacular group photos by automatically detecting up to 9 faces in the frame. They also come with a 2.5-inch and 3.0-inch "Pure Colour" LCD, respectively. The "Pure Colour" LCD is capable of producing a wide colour range, highly precise images and provides a wide viewing angle. The new LCD monitor is also resistant to scratches, fingerprints and dust and reduces reflected light for easier viewing of images even in bright outdoor situations.

In addition, both IXUS models feature the evolved Red-Eye Correction during playback. They also have the new Auto ISO Shift tool that counters image blur due to hand or camera shake by adjusting ISO speeds until blurring is diminished.

DV Camcorders: Quality with Ease of Use

Canon introduces three new models in its popular ZR series camcorders: the **ZR850, ZR830,** and **ZR800 Mini-DV Camcorders.** The 2.7-inch widescreen LCD (112,000 pixels) found in all three models allows users to easily compose shots that can be shown on a widescreen TV.

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Canon also unveils three new models in its DV line of camcorders – the **DC210, DC220,** and **DC230**. These compact camcorders have 35x optical zoom lenses and 2.7-inch widescreen LCDs. The lower-end **DC210** and **DC220** use 680,000 pixel sensors, while the **DC230** boasts of a 1 megapixel CCD for still shooting. The **DC220** and **DC230** also include a QuickStart function allowing less than 1 second start up time.

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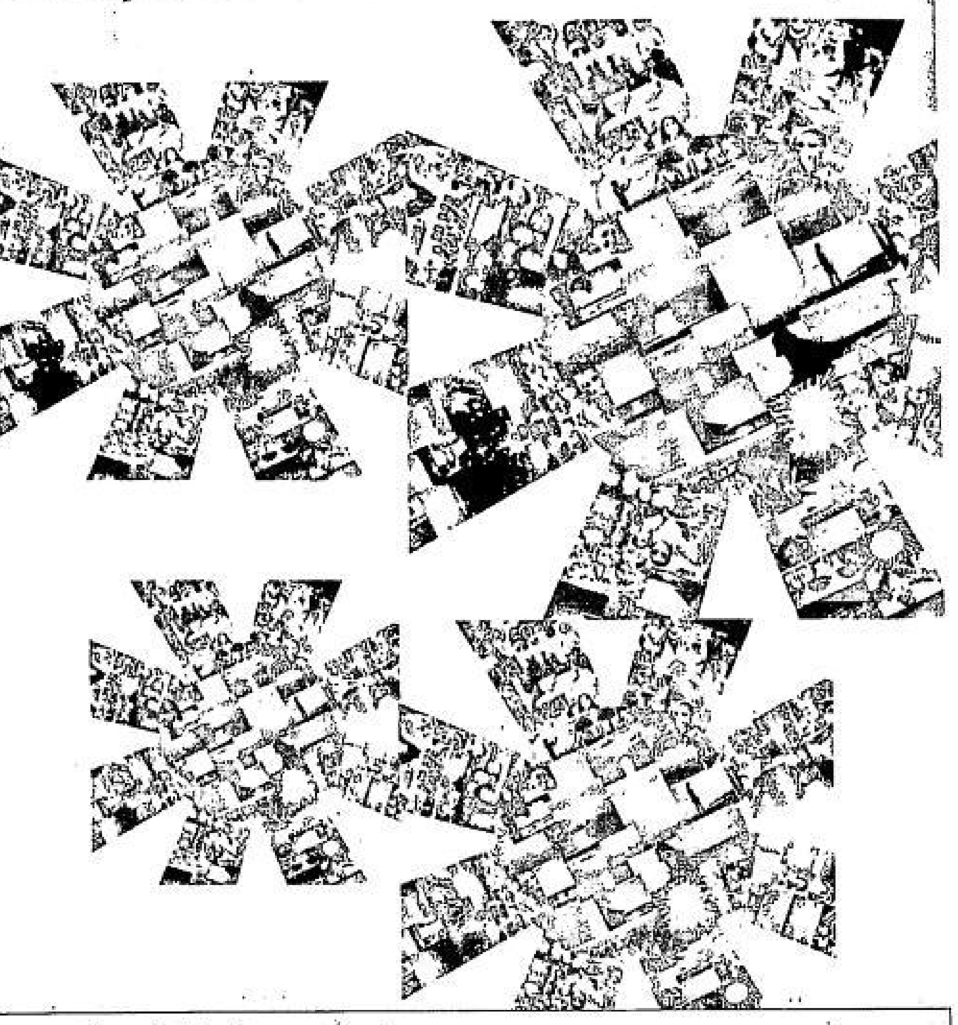

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Sunday LIFESTYLE Weddings

A wedding in Wales

NEWLYWEDS Kirsty Butler and Roberto Dario.

By Maurice Arcache

Guests were wined and dined before and after the wedding for three days

POPULAR MAN ABOUT town Roberto Dario said goodbye to bachelorhood and vowed "till death do us part" to pretty Kirsty Butler during a fun afternoon ceremony at Castell Malgwyn Hotel, a centuries-old Georgian manor built in 1795, in Llechryd, Wales, *palanggas*.

The sun shone in Llechryd for the first time that week when the ceremony was held.

Roberto met his future bride when Kirsty, a Briton and a teacher at the British School, joined his yoga class. It was serious dating from then on. The couple was engaged for two years.

Roberto and Kirsty opted to take their vows in Wales. The couple flew to Wales early to help in the wedding preparations.

A week later, Roberto's mom, the adorable Maribel Carag Dario, followed, first flying to Rome to meet niece Monet Recio Schemm and her beautiful family.

They jetted together to Bristol then traveled by land to Newcastle Emlyn, West Wales, en route to Castell Malgwyn where all the invitees were billeted.

Marriage Room

At exactly two o'clock in the afternoon, dahlings, the chosen invitees were led to the Marriage Room where the wedding ceremony was held.

Kirsty looked radiant in a custom-designed champagne cream silk faille gown, studded with Swarovski crystals in garnet and chartreuse and tiny purple beads.

She was escorted by stepfather Tom Chatting. Little nephew Jack Terry, as ring bearer, looked cute in his silver gray tails and red cravat.

The mother of the bride wore a light gray chiffon gown with silver threads.

Roberto was great-looking in his piña-embroidered barong Tagalog, while his mother was in a two-piece piña-embroidered gown embellished with tiny pearls and sequins.

The ceremony was definitely touching and uplifting. "Congratulatory socializing," as the Welsh call it, was held outside the lawn *apres* the ceremony. Wine flowed endlessly. The must-drink Pimms and yummy canapés were served, *palanggas*.

Then everyone moved to the grand ballroom where guests dined on excellent Scottish salmon served three ways and Slow Roast Leg of Preseli Lamb with honey-glazed carrots and rosemary jus at tables overflowing with vibrant peonies, hydrangeas and roses, all from the garden paradise of Ma Mo, the bride's mother.

A separate menu for vegetarians (the newlyweds are vegetarians) consisted of tomato, mozzarella, basil stacks and Vegetable Wellington. Chocolate Profiteroles served with Chantilly cream and Classic Raspberry Pavlova had the guests drooling.

Apres the toasts and emotional speeches by the groom and Ben Butler, brother of the

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PALS for over 25 years: Malu Fernandez with Ricky Ledesma (standing), Peter Yabut, Debbie Yabut and Tommy Villanueva

AFTER the wedding ceremony: Tom Chatting, the bride's stepfather; newlyweds Kirsty Butler and Roberto Dario; Mo Chatting, mother of the bride; and Maribel Dario, mother of the groom

A wedding . . .

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bride, and a touching message from the groom's mother, the newlyweds danced a "slow salsa" rehearsed in Manille and "executed to perfection." Then everyone rocked the dance floor to the sounds of the '80s, dahlings.

Fireworks display

Guests left the dance floor briefly to rush outside to watch an awesome display of fireworks. Then it was dance, drink, dance and booze some more.

Tom and Mo Chatting didn't leave anything to chance. They took care of even the tiniest details, dahlings, including the cameras on each table with a note that read: "Please help us capture some candid moments during our celebration. We thank you for sharing this special occasion with us."

It seems the British can outdo Filipinos in hospitality.

Guests were wined and dined in charming and traditional restos along the sea coast for three days starting with brunch before the wedding, and ending with a brunch "al fresco" at the bride's parents' house overlooking a valley where everyone said their goodbyes.

The three-day hosting by the Chattings gave Kirsty, who has been away for five years, an opportunity to bond again with relatives from England; pals from London, Rome, Germany, Corsica, Spain, Guildford, Gloucester; and classmates from Oxford, Cardiff and London.

With a mix of nationalities that also included Palestinian, Spanish and Bosnians, it was like a United Nations event, *palanggas*.

IN WALES: Ben Butler with Tom Chatting, Robert and Kirsty Dario, Jack Terry

Manila reception

Back in Manila, the couple was honored with an intimate reception at the Club Pavilion of North Forbes by Roberto's mom and siblings.

The venue, dressed up by Maribel's gang, Edith Oliveros, Johnny Hubilla and Nina Haley of Love Garden, was adorned with beautiful flowers and lit with fuchsia and green candles. There were more cocktail tables than dinner tables—obviously, the invitees belonged more to the hip, younger pack.

Those who failed to join them in Wales came in full force, like cousins Jopie, Anton and Itos Carag and their sister Mina Carag, with husband Takashi, who came with their Mom Carmen Carag; Peachie Recio who jetted in from Hong Kong, taking time out from her hectic Louie Vuitton schedule; Mega-World's Bong Recio and wife Cecile; George and Beth Carag; Xandra Carag Blewman with husband Michael, who jetted in from Australia; and vivaciously adorable Frieda Dario, straight from Boracay.

Close pals included Tweetie de Leon and Mon Gonzalez, Peter and Debbie Yabut, New World's Monique Trinidad Toda, Ricky and Sarah Ledesma, Malu Fernandez, Tommy and Mia Villanueva, Joey Herrera, Fritz and Tanya Juan, Allan Escano, Nicky and Tina Jurado, Santos Ruano, Raymond and Triccie Mojica, Aslie Aslanian, Timmy and Lani Sycip, plus so many like them, dahlings.

Superb caterers Via Mare and Una Mas prepared three buffet tables of different choice menus—Continental, Spanish and Filipino. Glenda Barretto's *balut* paté was a hit and so was the paella and deliciously tender roast beef of Malou Katigbak.

The calorific dessert table was something "to die for," exclaimed one of the invitees.

Everyone then raised his glass of bubbly and wished the newlyweds the best of two worlds, dahlings.

Cheers, *palanggas*!

TWEETIE Gonzalez

Mon Gonzalez

MIKHAIL and Mike Schemm; the newlyweds; Jack Terry, ring bearer; Maribel Dario and Monet Recio Schemm

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

TO RAMS

ACROSS
1 Miracle- — (garden-care brand)
4 Past due
8 Withstand
14 Sunoco rival
19 Squeal in the comics
20 Revival cry
21 Singer Newton-John
22 Ridiculous
23 Rodents' colleague?
26 Greek letter
27 Rarin' to go
28 Dinghy, e.g.
29 Rapper — Dogg
31 Royal Norwegian name
32 Bone in an arm
33 River barriers
34 Rattler shredding cheese?
37 Listening to music from the '50s, then the '60s, etc.?
40 Greek island
41 "Viva — Vegas"
42 "I — care!"
44 Benefit
45 Organic compound
49 Directives to slow down?
54 Rice-A- —
55 Brit's "Well, well!"
57 People walking on foot, for short
58 Do lunch
60 Yearned for Thanksgiving dinner?
65 Interior furnishings
67 Admiral Nelson
68 Anthropoid
69 Talent
71 Already taken
72 Shapes into some Turkish money?
77 Sue Grafton's "— for Evidence"
78 Take on freight
79 Blues singer James
80 Showroom model
81 Spicy dish containing a whooping bird's flesh?
87 Passover dinner
88 Footway
89 Car from Sweden
90 "— little teapot ..."
92 Dexterous
95 Bits of babble?
102 Optimal weather conditions for using bug spray?
106 City near Provo
107 Frail
108 Muscat's land
109 Blyton of kids' books
110 Buttress
111 Comeback
112 Capital of Lombardy
114 Valley-dwelling art gallery worker?
118 Allstate rival
119 Put fresh asphalt on
120 Hollywood's Kazan
121 Chou En- —
122 Nosy type
123 Off course
124 Recolored
125 Jet grounded in 2003

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1 Prepare
2 Hawk again
3 Figure skater Baiul
4 Like some lingerie
5 French pal
6 Pouches for Earl Grey
7 Bury
8 Basis
9 Polar pixie
10 Madam's counterpart
11 A Trump ex
12 — the table (get ready to eat)
13 Small bite
14 Prefix with east or west
15 Person-to-person
16 Love song
17 Diet
18 Departs
24 Jazzwoman Anita
25 Not complex
30 Blunders
33 Genetic molecule
34 Totally get, slangily
35 Indian queen
36 In heels, e.g.
38 — de France
39 Self-help writer LeShan
43 Toll rte.
44 Tattoos, e.g.
45 TV's Bunker
46 Really dumb
47 Hurried
48 Met stars
49 Scrooge's shout
50 Bread type
51 "Shucks!"
52 Rattled off
53 Partner of Principe
55 Exiled Amin
56 Abdomen
59 Attempt to obtain
61 French summer
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63 Increases
64 Actor Stephen
65 God, in Bari
66 Give the slip
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73 Hurly-burly
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90 In a clumsy way
91 "Ben-Hur" studio
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93 Film subtitled "Omen II"
94 Theater district
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97 Pressed out wrinkles
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101 Having a glass-fitted roof opening
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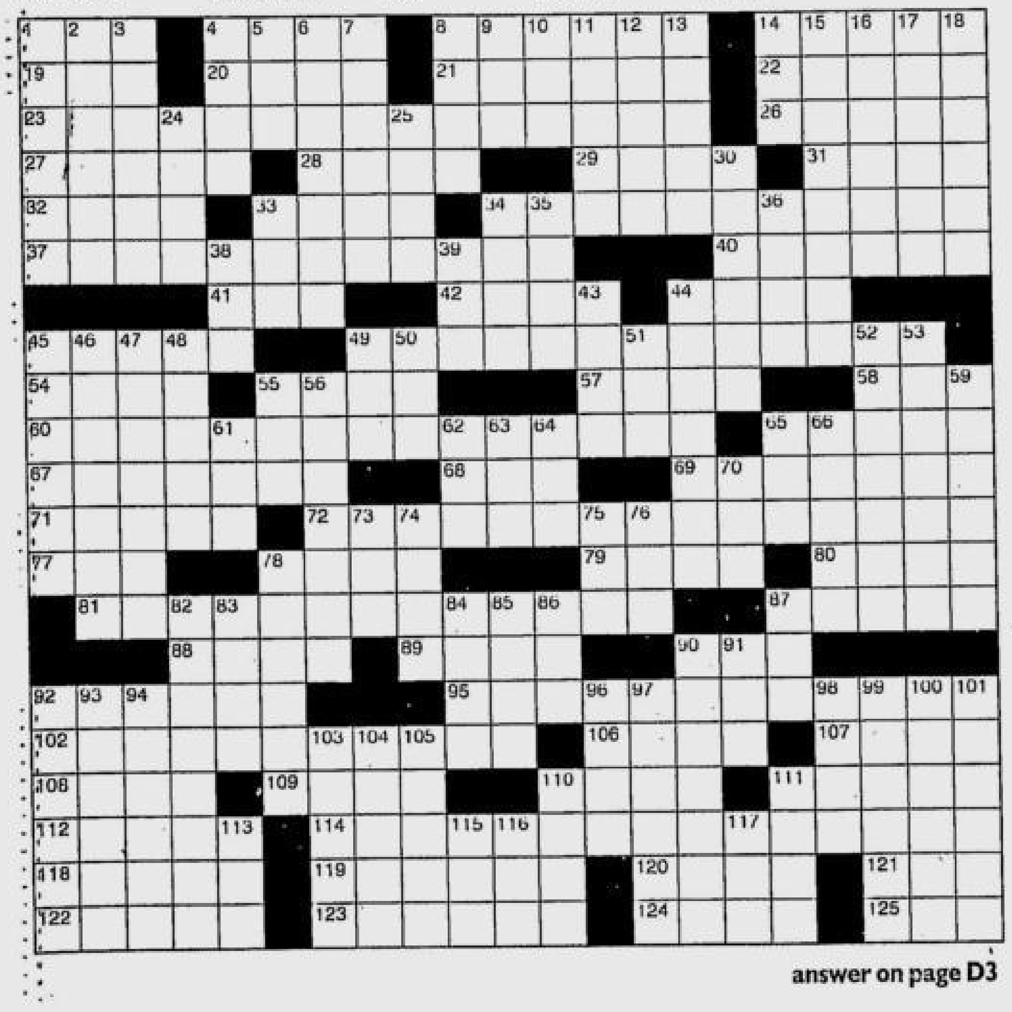

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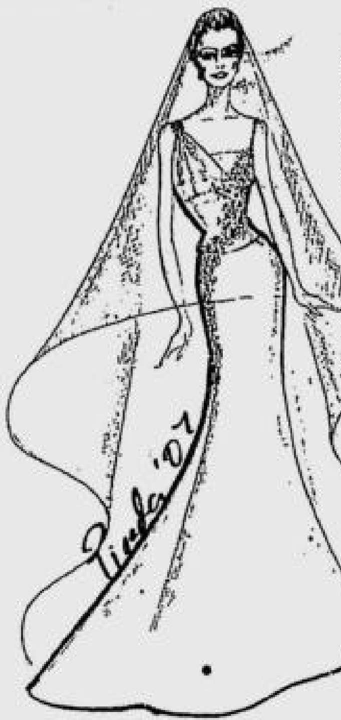
Milestones

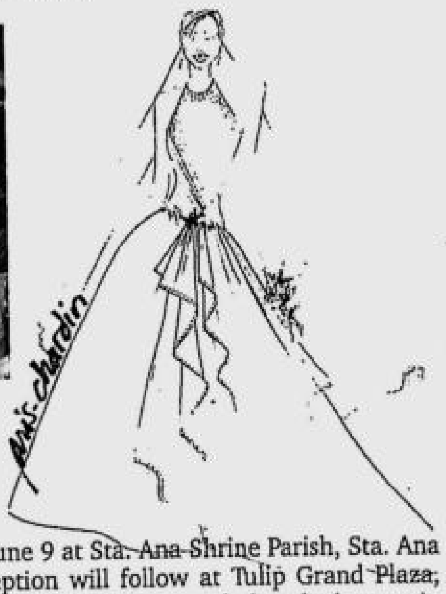
We welcome announcements of weddings and engagements. Submit names of engaged couple, names of parents, date and place of wedding, and gown designer along with a photo of the couple and a sketch of the bridal gown, if any, to the INQUIRER, *P.O. Box 2353 Makati Central Post Office 1263 Makati City. E-mail to lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph. A photo of the bride and groom is required if the wedding has already taken place. Announcements will be printed depending on space availability and at no cost to the senders.*



ROA-GARCIA

Kit Roa, son of **Geronimo** and **Andrea Roa**, will wed **Irene Garcia**, daughter of **Salvacion I. vda. de Garcia**, on May 28 at the Chapel of St. Francis of Assisi, Tandang Sora, QC.

Eric Pineda designed the bridal gown using ivory bridal satin and silk chiffon. It has a serpentine silhouette extending to a chapel train. A floral beadwork pattern in coral pink and avocado with crystals will adorn the gown. A 20-ft veil of double-width illusion tulle held by Swarovski crystal pins complete the ensemble. Reception will follow at the Cycad Garden, Fernwood Gardens, QC.

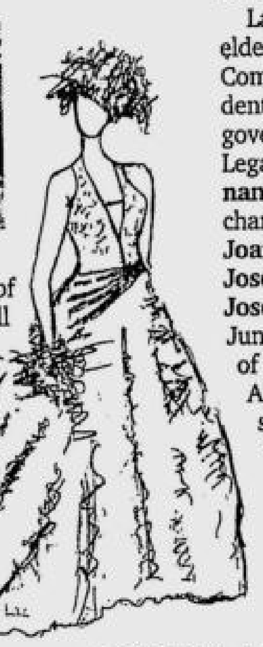


LUI-LIM

Jonathan Lui, son of **Jean** and **Rebecca Lui**, will wed **Mary Joy Lim**, daughter of **Alfredo** and **Mary Haw Lim**, on June 9 at Sta. Ana Shrine Parish, Sta. Ana Avenue, Davao City. Reception will follow at Tulip Grand Plaza, Tulip Drive, Davao City. The bride will wear a halter duchess satin top with Japan-cut bead embellishments, accentuated with light and dark pink organza from the bodice to the very full skirt with dropped waistline and petticoat. The gown, designed by **Aris Escarilla** of Chardin Davao, also features a semi-cathedral train.

BUBAN-LEE

Lawyer **Henry F. Buban Jr.**, eldest son of Albay Chamber of Commerce and Industry president and Rotarian past district governor **Henry Buban** of Legazpi City and **Amorita Fernandez** of Naga City, will exchange marriage vows with **Joanne Marie Lee**, daughter of **José** (deceased) and **Josephine** (nee Locsin) **Lee**, on June 10, 1:30 p.m., at Our Lady of the Gate Parish in Daraga, Albay. The bride will wear a '50s-inspired low-back Thai silk and taffeta gown accentuated with oversized bow and vintage crystal brooches, a creation of **John Eva**. Garden reception will be at the bride's residence.



VEJERANO-TANYAG

Eric Warren P. Vejerano, son of **Esteban** and **Beata Vejerano**, will wed **Maria Celeste M. Tanyag**, daughter of **Reynaldo** and **Wilhelmina Tanyag**, on June 1 at the Immaculate Conception Church in Los Baños, Laguna. Reception will be held at Royal Palm Leisure Park in Bay, Laguna.

OBEDOZA-MEJIA

John Fred Obedoza, son of **Fred** and **Delia Obedoza** will wed **Melissa Mejia**, daughter of **Ramon** and **Malenn Mejia** on June 9, 3 p.m., at Sta. Rita de Cascia Parish, Philam Homes, QC. Reception will follow at the Grand Terrace along Commonwealth Avenue. The wedding gown was designed by **Dessie C. Aquino** and **Jasmin Aquino** of Le Desiderata Haute Couture.

Popular wedding venue opens Alabang branch

FERNWOOD GARDENS IN PROject 6, Quezon City has become a favorite venue for weddings.

The former ancestral home of the De Veyras has a beautiful garden in a sprawling two-hectare property.

Al de Veyra, the only one of four siblings who remained in the country, cares for and maintains the gardens that his mother loved so much, including waterfalls, fountains, ponds with ducks, swans and koi.

During these months of intense heat and humidity and to prepare for the rains in June and July, De Veyra said he had domes built over the gardens. Clients can choose between an all-natural ambience or air-conditioned setting.

CHAPEL for Catholic weddings

FLOWER girls can transfer to the reception venue aboard a Victorian-inspired horse-drawn carriage.

De Veyra also built a chapel for Catholic weddings while the gardens have become venues for ecumenical, Muslim and other denomination weddings.

Now, after operating successfully for six years in Quezon City, Fernwood has opened a branch in Alabang, close to the high-end village of Portofino in Las Piñas, Fernbrook Gardens.

Intended to be the events venue south of Metro Manila, Fernbrook Gardens Alabang is a well-planned two-hectare property developed at close to a P100 million.

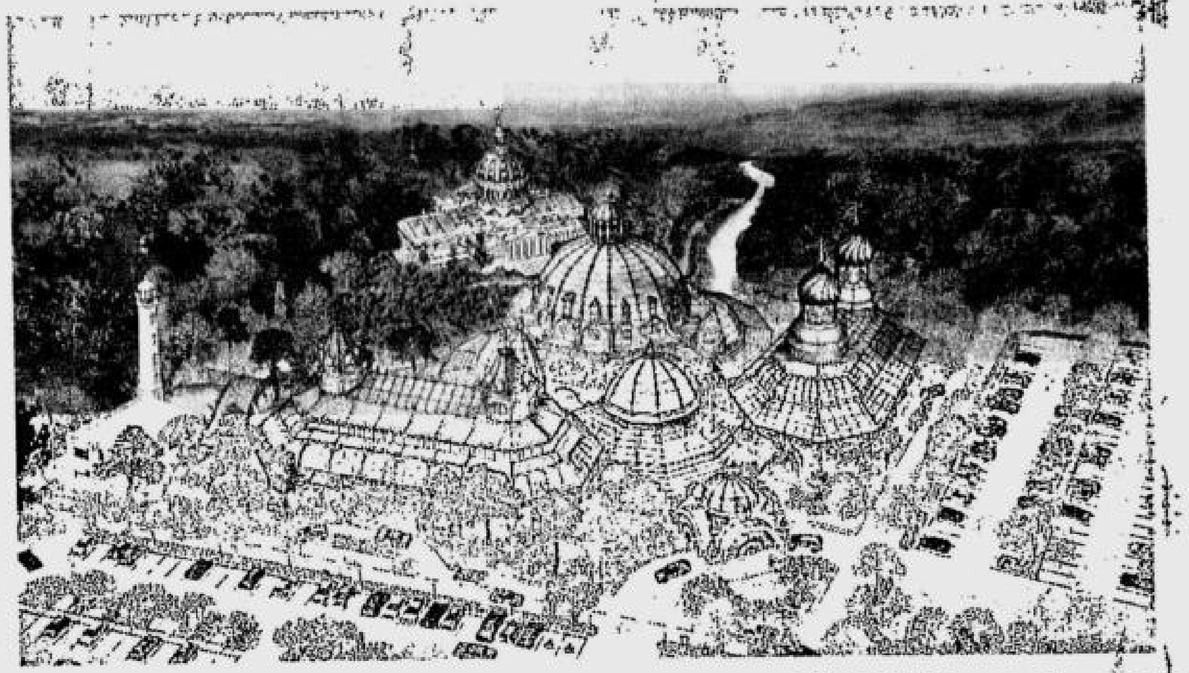
At Fernbrook, couples can choose from any of the reception halls with domed roofs that are Victorian- or Russian-inspired.

Fernbrook's mini basilica is atop a hill. Newlyweds can transfer to the reception venue aboard a Victorian-inspired horse-drawn carriage; a vintage Rolls-Royce or Bentley car; or a gondola like they have in Venice, passing under bridges.

Fernbrook Gardens and Fernwood Gardens are major sponsors of The Philippine Wedding Summit 2007, June 2-3, at the NBC Tent, Fort Bonifacio Global City.

The two wedding venues will showcase a lush tropical garden at the NBC Tent, giving the public a preview of what to expect when Fernbrook in Alabang opens in December.

The setup will come complete with colorful macaws, parrots, swans and waterfalls. Soon-to-weds will get free photo opportunities courtesy of top wedding photographers.



THE FORMER ancestral home of the De Veyras is now a popular wedding venue.

A GARDEN features a pond with ducks, swans and koi.

The Philippine Wedding Summit 2007 is organized by Themes & Motifs. Call 3719783 or visit www.themesnmotifs.com.

The two-day event will showcase over 140 suppliers of wedding essentials. It will also feature free career enhancement seminars for wedding suppliers by experts in various fields including Renee Salud, fashion design; Rita Neri, weddings and social events management; Bern Mejias, president of Wedding & Portrait Photographers of the Philippines, photography; Dominic Velasco of Imacron, videography; Tony Rodriguez, floral arrangement; Robert Blancaflor, event styling, etc.

Seats are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The Philippine Wedding Summit 2007 also offers discounts and product samples. Hourly raffles, with an all-expenses paid honeymoon trip as grand prize for those who will book on site, will be held.

The event is supported by the Department of Tourism. Admission for pre-registered guests is free.

FREDERICK Peralta recently staged a one-man bridal show at the Grand Ballroom of the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel. It was a celebration of the language and expression romance and *l'amour*—all translated using the most luxurious bridal fabrics, from delicate Belgian laces, elaborately embroidered silk taffeta, ornate Dupioni, Duchess and Mikado silk, crisp silk organdy, and wispy and ethereal tulle. The 25-piece collection, being an ode to all beautiful brides, were made even more dreamy on the ramp by top models and beauty queen Miriam Quiambao. The show was directed by Cata Figueroa.

Grand breakfast tasting

FOURTEEN CULINARY EXPERTS recently showcased their food concoctions at 1 Esplanade. Albergus Catering, Aramico's Catering, Auffrance Catering, Batis Asul Caterers, Better Pan Catering, Eloquente Catering, Henry's Catering Services, Hizon's Catering, Josiah's Catering Inc., Juan Carlo the Caterer, Manila Catering Services, Tamayo's Catering, The Plaza and VS & F Classic Food International presented their versions of breakfast buffet in coordination with 1 Esplanade's package promo.

Apart from food samples, the event featured a live mannequin show of wedding attires created by Philippine Academy of Fashion Designers members Fhel Hangod, Geri Loyola, Jun Pimentel, Mario Javier, Nicky Martinez and Noe Reyes; and musical performances by Serenata Strings and singer Francis Belar.

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Knights and ladies of gourmet dining

MICHEL LHUILLIER HEADS LA Chaine des Rotisseurs in the entire Philippines and his beautiful wife **Amparito Llamas** heads the Cebu chapter. It is a unique situation for this highly rated international gourmet organization.

As the cliché goes, they make beautiful music together, and more. They have lately been presiding over gastronomic events of the first water. A recent and most memorable one was the formal 14th induction gala held in the ballroom of the Cebu Marriott Hotel.

In full force were La Chaine's top officers in Cebu: aside from Amparito, **Dietmar Dietrich, Teresin Mendezona, Lita Urbina, Nestor Alonso** and **Al Evangelio.**

Michel L, with a gleaming silver sword, dubbed the new knights and ladies of La Chaine in Cebu: **Kalaya Chuayoonoei, Ma. Carla del Prado, Tessie Javier, Honey Loop, Angie Mathieu, Marie Jeanne Stans, Leslie, Tapenden, Mariquita Yeung, James Dosetter, Michael Lhuillier, Michael Jourdan, Guido Poppe, Eddie Kong, Robert Go, Robert Oliver, Corinne Joseph, Richard Simmons, Peter High Pedersen,** and Cebu City Councilor **Raul Alcoseba.**

HONEY Loop, Ingrid Sala Santamaria and Teresin Mendezona

Moving on

Congratulated for various reasons were Cebu Marriott's GM **Karl Hudson** and his lovely wife **Rose.** First of all, for the well-planned event; then for their baby due in September; and finally, for Karl's promotion, as he moves to another Marriott property, this time on Hainan island, regarded as the Hawaii of China.

This memorable party started with a champagne reception at the hotel's foyer which gave a good view of guests as they arrived for what seemed like a Hollywood red-carpet affair.

That was quite a parade of ladies in shimmering gowns and dazzling jewels. The gents wore either crisp barongs or black ties and tuxedos.

About 100 attended, regally seated in a ballroom draped in red silk. On tables covered with crimson satin glowed hundreds of candles.

Beautiful music was played throughout the evening. **Ingrid Sala Santamaria,** who was present, couldn't have been prouder.

The string quartet from the Peace Philharmonic was on a raised dais and performed a repertoire of classic and popular music that every now and then made diners stop to listen. The score-perfect "Serenade" by Haydn drew sustained applause.

The menu was excellent—salad with ocean trout and lobster, Venison consomme, roast apple with *foie gras,* orange blossom sorbet, and grilled Wagyu sirloin that melted in the mouth.

The best New Zealand wines were poured, and quite generously, too.

VIVINA Yrastorza, Al Evangelio, Tessie Javier

EMILY'S POST
Emily Marcelo

After 20 years, husband wants out

DEAR EMILY,

I have been married for 20 years and haven't had any kids.

A year ago, my husband suddenly told me he did not love me anymore. He said he was not physically and sexually attracted to me and he wanted space.

I've always trusted him and I did not see this coming. I then started to investigate and, sure enough, I caught him calling another woman.

I accept that all this is not his fault. I have my faults, too. I tried to fix the marriage but he was not willing to work things out.

He is basically a good person and, though I still love him, I suffered from the thought that he wasn't happy with me anymore.

A month ago, we both decided it would be best if he just left and got a room of his own.

My problem is he still comes to the house and visits me at my place of work (we work in the same company) almost every day.

Since he still owns part of our house, he is welcome to come and go. He fixes things around the house and still helps me with the cleaning.

I started accepting boarders because I couldn't afford the mortgage and maintenance. I have also gotten myself a second job to keep me busy.

The house has been up for sale for a year now but no one is buying because the market is slow right now.

How can I move on?

DESPERATE LADY

You cannot move on because this wonderful husband of yours also cannot make up his mind about what he wants to do with his life.

He may not be happy with you anymore but the house that he half-owns is too valuable for him to drop like a hot potato, as he did you.

Since you both did not make much song and dance about your deteriorating relationship, you yourself are subconsciously waiting for him to make the first move to make the final break. It has become a game of "wait and see" for the two of you, has it not?

Be the "decider" then and kick him out of your life. Make him realize that the momentary thrill of having a girlfriend will eventually result in boredom once the novelty of that relationship fades.

Marriage is eating and laughing and waking up and sleeping and eating and laughing and getting annoyed and angry and being sick, and really just getting by in life—sharing day in and day out the good, the bad and the ugly.

If he has gotten bored with you, as he says, and hungers for excitement after 20 long years of marriage to you, tell him then to join the circus and be a fire-eater.

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436-year-old devotion to Manila's patroness

THE DEVOTION TO NUESTRA Señora de Guia, patroness of Manila, is 436 years old, dating back to May 19, 1571, when a Spanish soldier found natives worshipping a beautiful statue of the Virgin Mary on top of a trunk surrounded by *pandan* leaves.

From that day, according to Anales de la Cathedral de Manila, the Virgen de Guia began to shed rays of charity to the people, especially travelers on galleons going to Acapulco, Mexico, and back to Manila.

It is said ships watched out for the light from the lighthouse of the old church on the same spot where the present church stands.

It is believed the image was brought to the Philippines when Magellan landed in Mactan in 1521. Later, a Cebu chieftain gave the statue to a rajah in Manila.

In a royal decree in 1578, the king of Spain declared Nuestra Señora de Guia patroness of Manila because the people experienced many miracles through her intercession.

Two Popes have visited the Virgin in Ermita. Pope Paul VI canonically crowned her. Pope John Paul II came in 1981 when he beatified Lorenzo de Manila as the first Filipino saint.

When Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales attended the Consistory of Cardinals in Rome, Tony Adriano hand-carried a small replica of the Virgin to Rome.

Filipino OFWs filled the Basilica of St. Mary Major for the Mass said by new Cardinal Rosales with the image on the altar.

HERMANO Mayor 2007 Allan Tengco (left) with Fr. Zenki Marabat, Hermanos 2007 Dra. Fe and Jun Pidlaoan and Tony Adriano

Fiesta 2007

This year, many devotees crowded Ermita Church, now Archdiocesan Shrine of Nuestra Señora de Guia. Manila Auxiliary Bishop Bernardino Cortez officiated at the concelebrated Mass with 30 priests and Oriental Mindoro Bishop Tony Palang and Fr. Sanny de Claro, rector and parish priest.

Father Sanny, who dreamt of serving the Virgin since he was a young priest, was installed here three years ago.

This year's *hermano mayor,* Allan Tengco's family, has always been devoted to the Virgin. Victoria Tengco, his grandmother, set up her business on UN Avenue, formerly Isaac Peral.

Allan said the Virgin had blessed the family business all these years.

This year's *capitana* for the *bota Flores* is Allan's cousin Ma. Milagros Grizelda Villangca Rodriguez, 22, daughter of Merlita and Danilo Rodriguez, brother of Allan's mother Amelia Tengco.

Tony Adriano, president of the Ermita Church pastoral council, remembers his mother Rosario So vda. de Adriano saying she dedicated him to the Virgin when he was still in her womb.

As a grade schooler, Tony was an altar boy in the church. The Adriano furniture shop was on A. Mabini Street then. Today, Tony serves as *recamadero* of the Virgin.

Devotees call her "Mama Guia." I prayed to her in 1992 to seek her help in getting a United States visa, promising to walk in her procession. I got a 10-year visa.

Corpus Christi

The Pink Sisters and the Eucharistic Adorers League will hold a nine-day Novena of Masses June 1-9, 5:30 p.m., at St. Joseph Convent on 71 M. Hemady St., New Manila, to celebrate Corpus Christi.

Different priests will speak on the theme "Bread of Life." Celebrants are Bishop Gabriel Reyes, June 1; Fr. Alexander Balatbat, June 2; Msgr. Cesar Pagulayan, June 3; Fr. Albert Poblete, June 4; Fr. Atilano Corcuera, SVD, June 5; Fr. Marcelo Selmar, June 6; Fr. Sanny de Claro, June 7; Fr. Ogie Orplada, June 8; and Fr. Apolinario Ty, SSS, June 9.

Cubao Bishop Honesto Ongtioco will say Mass at 4:30 p.m., June 10, feast day. A procession of the Blessed Sacrament inside the convent grounds follows.

CAPITANA of the Ermita Church fiesta Ma. Milagros Grizelda Rodriguez with Tengco

Mona Lacanlale, president of the Eucharistic Adorers League, and Teresa Chan, chair of Corpus Christi 2007, invited the guest priests.

New saints

Benedict XVI will canonize three priests and a nun on June 3, Trinity Sunday. They are George Preca (1439-1482) from Malta, founder of the Societas Doctrinae Christianae; Szymon of Lipnica (1439-1482), Polish, of the Order of Friars Minor; Charles of St. Andrew, born Johannes Andreas Houben (1821-1893), Dutch, of the Congregation of the Passion; and Marie-Eugene Milleret de Brou (1817-1898), French, founder of the Institute of Sisters of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

Assumption nuns run schools in the Philippines like the Assumption College in San Lorenzo Village, Makati.

Chapel needed

The St. Paul Seminary in Silang, Cavite, is the formation house of aspirants of the Society of St. Paul. Since it was built, seminarians have used the oratory on the third floor for their Eucharistic celebration and adoration.

But the oratory can no longer hold the steadily increasing number of seminarians. Hence, the need for a separate chapel.

Those who want to help can contact Fr. Armand A. Tangi, SSP, 8959701 (trunkline) or 8973049 during office hours. You can also send a check payable to St. Paul Seminary Foundation, 7708 St. Paul Road, San Antonio Village, Makati City. Thank you for your kindness.

Day of prayer

May 31 will be a Day of Prayer for Our Lady of All Nations at the chapel of the Holy Family in Virra Malls, Greenhills. Rosary begins 5:15 p.m. followed by Mass at 6:30 p.m. Eucharistic adoration with prayer for healing will be at 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Feast day

Devotees of Virgen de los Remedios, patroness of Pampanga, celebrated her feast day May 19 in her church in Barrio Baliti, San Fernando. Fr. Mar Miranda, parish priest, welcomed pilgrims who attended Masses in the newly renovated church.

The miraculous icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be brought by missionary couple Kit and Guy Villapando to Christ the King Church in Green Meadows for the 4 p.m. Mass on June 3.

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It's their time to shine

'Shall We Dance' winners have been picked by a jury that included their peers

By Marinel R. Cruz

DANCE PARTNERS KENny Waymack and Krystelle Tadeo, winners of the fifth season of "Shall We Dance: It's Your Time to Shine," won by a very slim margin on finals night last Wednesday.

The scores were determined not through text votes, as in previous seasons, but by a three-member jury and contestants eliminated early on in the competition.

Judges Audie Gemora, Regine Tolentino and Ednah Ledesma handed down 75 percent of the winners' total scores; eight ex-contestants provided the remaining 25 percent.

"This way, the show will be less predictable," explained Nelson Alindogan during INQUIRER Entertainment's visit to the show's studio in Novaliches, Quezon City.

The winning couple carted away a cash reward of P100,000 and other prizes totaling P150,000. First runners-up were Gerald Yranon and partner Olivia Cui; second runners-up, Bimbi Cardenas and partner Paul Nuñez; third runners-up, Dice Sy and partner Vemin Cordero.

Hosted by Lucy Torres-Gomez, the dance show championship will be aired on Saturday, June 3, on ABC 5.

What do you think made your tandem win?

Kenny: I think the "dance of choice" portion did it for us. We impressed the judges with our energy and some tricks that we incorporated in our jive number. We did a lot of break-dancing and tumbling.

Krystelle: Our jive dance number was very technical. I think that impressed the judges.

What difficulties did you encountered on your way to the finals?

Kenny: It was difficult finding time to rehearse. There were times when practice was canceled. Aside from the competition, Krystelle was

IT'S THEIR/ G4

WINNING PAIR. Kenny Waymack and Krystelle Tadeo strut their stuff on the dance floor. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

'American Idol' may have passed its peak

NEW American Idol Jordin Sparks AP

NEW YORK—The best days may still be ahead for Jordin Sparks, but the same may not be said for "American Idol."

The 30.7 million people who watched Sparks win Wednesday (Thursday in Manila) was a sharp drop from the 36.4 million who saw Taylor Hicks take the title last year, according to Nielsen Media Research.

Chances are, the 2006 season will stand as the peak for audience interest, industry observers said. A lackluster pool of contestants, the general malaise among viewers this spring and the simple laws of TV gravity are all factors.

"People are getting tired of it," said Marc Berman, an analyst for Media Week Online. "I know I am."

The Fox phenomenon was still TV's most popular program this season. Barring a major surprise, it likely will be again next year.

Fox executives cautioned against count-

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Unsolicited advice for Sharon, ABC 5 and Regine

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

WE HEAR THAT **SHARON CUNETA** IS about to start her new movie about caregivers abroad. We're happy to see that the Megastar has lost some weight in preparation for shooting her new film, but it's more pounds before she will look trim on camera.

So, we'd like to offer her the completely unsolicited advice to postpone her shooting schedule for a few more weeks, until she looks really fit.

It's good for stars to remember that TV and movie cameras add 10 pounds to the way they actually look and weigh. So, Sharon should lose *more* than the required number of pounds to make up for this artificial illusion of girth.

Some people may point out that Sharon already appears on TV every week on her self-titled show, and no loud complaints have been heard about her plumpness. We submit, however, that the movies are different from television. On her TV talk variety show, Sharon is herself. In her movies, she plays a leading lady.

There's something about a film that requires actors to *epitomize* female allure or male dynamism, and that's a "requirement" that stars should seriously keep in mind and try their best to fulfill—otherwise their movies' romantic illusion could be compromised.

> We also hope Vilma makes a new movie this year

Time for RP "Idol"

We'd also like to urge Channel 5 to get cracking with the second season of "Philippine Idol."

"American Idol" is on its final week, so interest is high.

Therefore, this is the perfect time to generate interest in the 2007 edition of the popular singing tilt—that is, if there will be such a repeat edition.

If it does push through, it should be in the next couple of months. And its handlers should learn from the mistakes they committed during the first season.

A major deficiency was the lack of timely follow-through after the finalists and ultimate winner were chosen. As a result, they didn't become stars—which was a pity, since some of them were made of potentially stellar stuff.

Other mistakes *not* to be repeated involve the poor showing of some jurors and hosts, deficient production values, less than exciting presentational style, and a general failure of the Pinoy edition to come into its own as more than a scrupulous copy of the "stateside" original.

And for Regine...

Our next piece of unsolicited advice is directed at **Regine Velasquez**: She should really act her age (late 30s?), instead of trying to come across as an ever-youthful star in looks, utterance and gesture. Sure, stars should look as fresh and vital as possible to keep their fans interested. It's also true that the local show biz audience is predominantly made up of young people, so a mature projection could be the kiss of death for some performers.

Unfortunately, there's also the law of gravity *and* diminishing returns to contend with. Nobody can look like a teenager forever, even with the most creative surgical intervention. So, stars shouldn't even try, because the final destination of *that* trip is invariably: frustration.

So, Regine shouldn't pair up with younger actors, because the age difference will invariably show—unless that production's topic is intentionally of the May-December or May-October sort.

Finally, we wish that **Vilma Santos** makes a new movie this year. Yes, she'll be very busy with her work as the new governor of Batangas, but she should try to act in a new film at least once every two years.

It could even end up helping her currently high-flying political career, especially if she decides to aspire for a national post some years from now.

A fresh series of acting awards would be exactly what she would need to convincingly prove that she's one of the local entertainment world's best thespians—and thus its fitting representative and flag-bearer in the even more competitive field of public service and politics.

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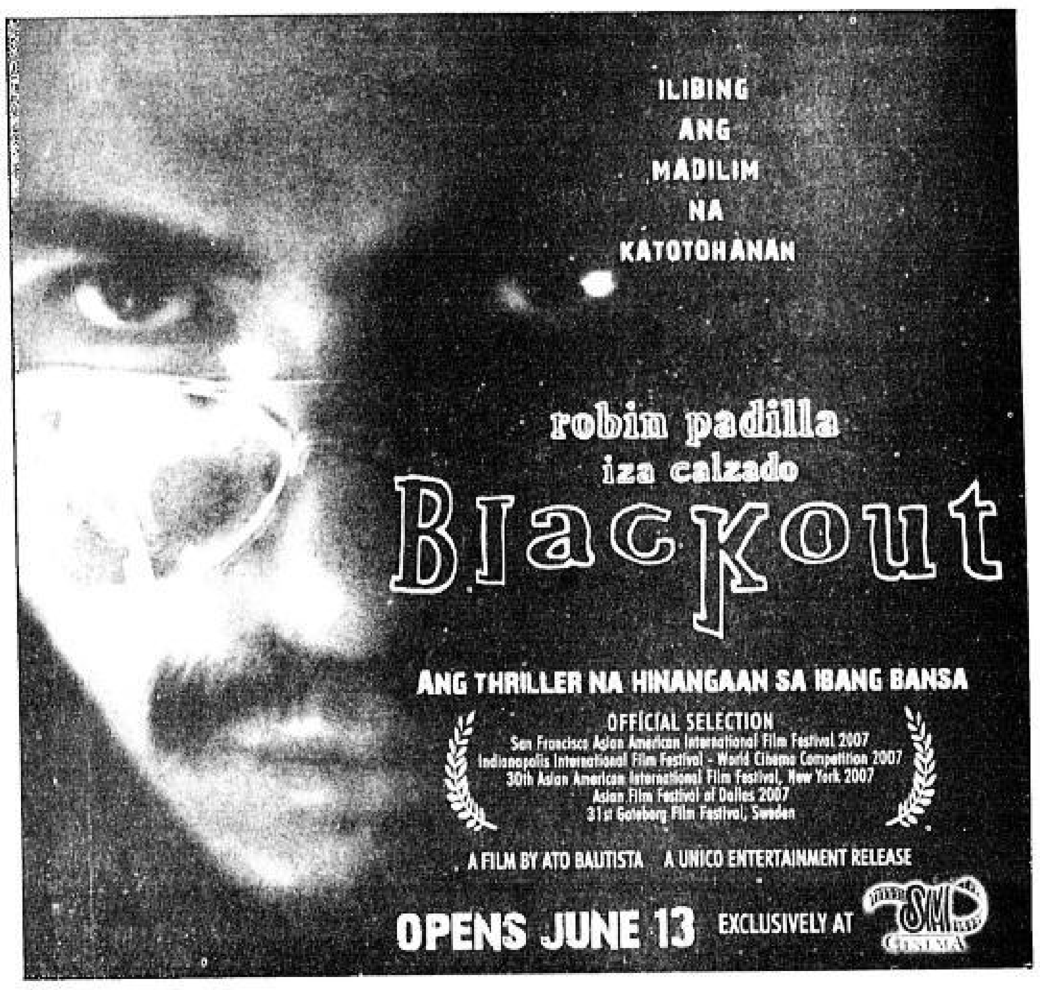

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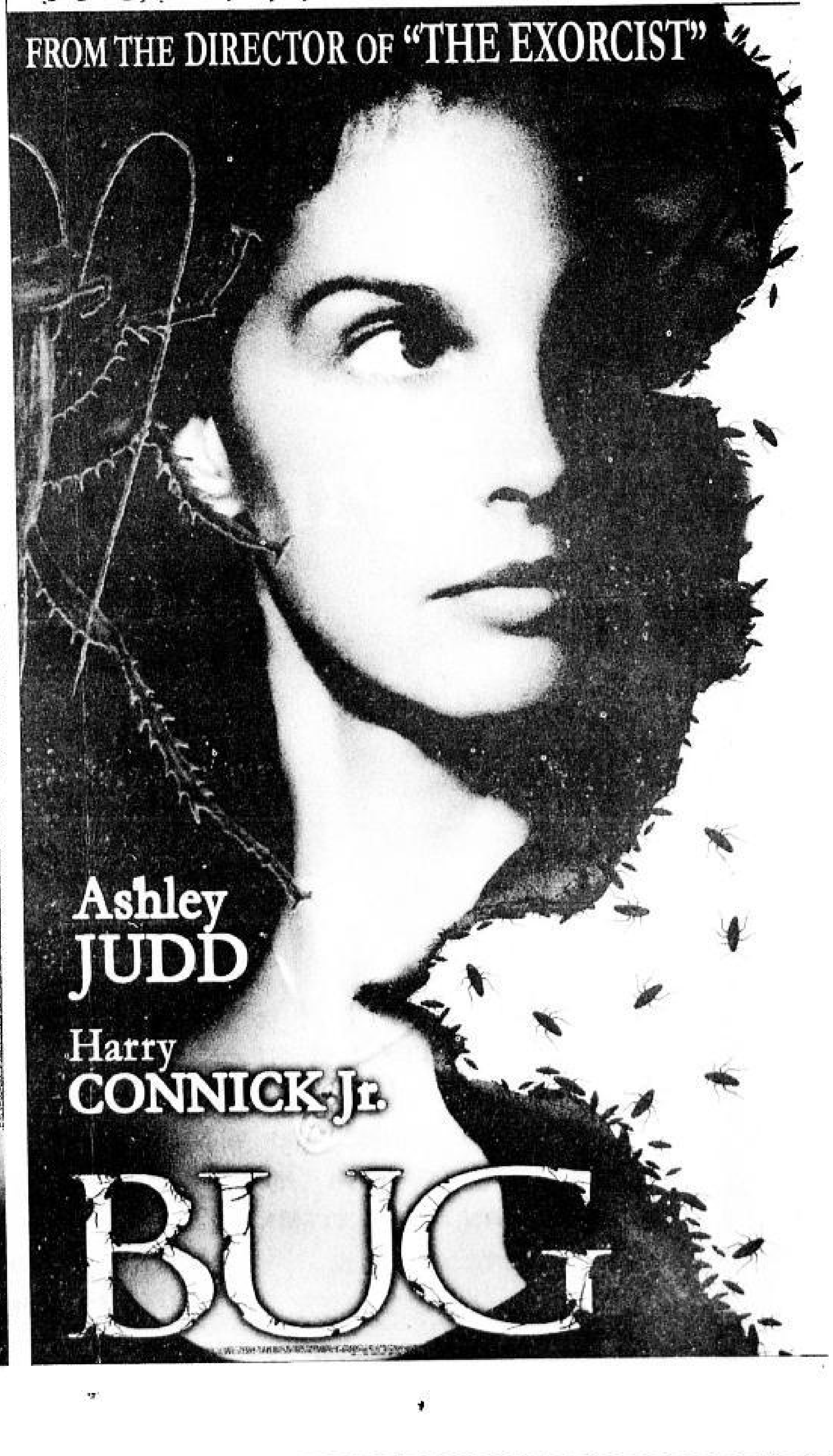


An 'accidental horror writer'

By Ruth L. Navarra

"SUPERNATURAL" creator Eric Kripke calls himself an accidental horror writer. He was originally a comedy writer, he said, but made a shift when he saw that his career was going nowhere.

"I have always been a fan of horror movies, especially Asian horror movies," he said.

Kripke wrote the haunting "Boogeyman"—about a young man traumatized by childhood memories—out of frustration. A well-meaning friend presented it to producers, who loved it. Next thing Kripke knew, it was being made into a movie.

TAKE FIVE

A couple of years later, he created the television series "Supernatural" starring Jared Padalecki (Sam Winchester) and Jensen Ackles (Dean Winchester). The series is about two brothers who, in search of their missing father, hunt down and kill ghosts and demons.

Each episode is based on urban legends, said Kripke. "We can't just make things up. I have a list of 80 such stories. We've used about 25."

The first season ended with the boys' father dead. What can the viewers look forward to now?

One major event occurs. One of the Winchesters die and what happens next sets the entire new season in motion.

The characters have acquired more depth. In season one, the structures became repetitive. In season 2, we have taken new risks, like, the campers and demons are back but there are new creatures, like zombies and blood-thirsty clowns.

What questions will be answered from the previous season? Will we finally know what the demon meant by coming back for Sam and children like him?

We will definitely find out what was planned for Sam. We will know what the demon's motives are.

We will explore the world of other hunters. Some are allies of the boys, some are against the boys. But you can tune in without having followed the previous shows.

Will Sam's vision become stronger?

He continues to have visions he can't control. We progress his powers very slowly. He can't move objects. He can't be Superboy because it won't be exciting. His enemies are always stronger than himself. I want him to be always on the edge of death.

Will Dean find a girlfriend? Maybe Sam?

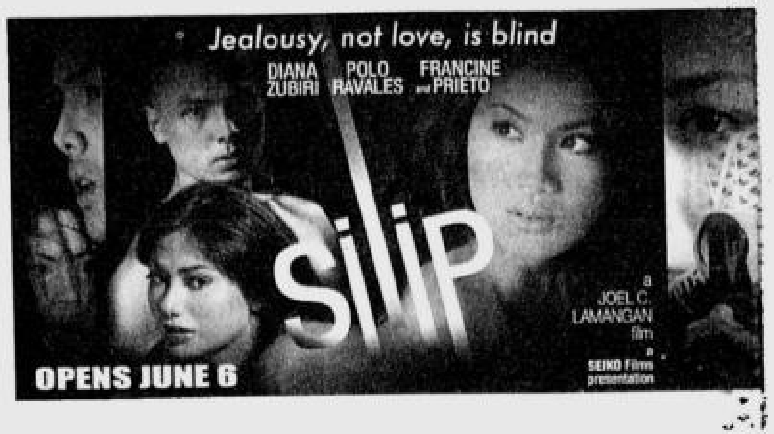
The boys will meet a mother-daughter tandem familiar with what they are doing. The daughter was set out as a potential romance interest for one of the boys but we liked her as a little sister for them to expand their family a little bit.

Sam and Dean virtually live in their '67 Chevy Impala. Where do they get money to spend for their hunts?

I get that question all the time. It was mentioned a lot throughout the season. They earn their money dishonestly—embezzling credit card companies and winning poker games through cheating. For the most part, victimless crimes. They can't afford to have normal jobs. I sort of like that they are outlaws.

The second season of "Supernatural" premieres on AXN on May 29, 10 p.m.

JARED Padalecki and Jensen Ackles are back in the second season of "Supernatural."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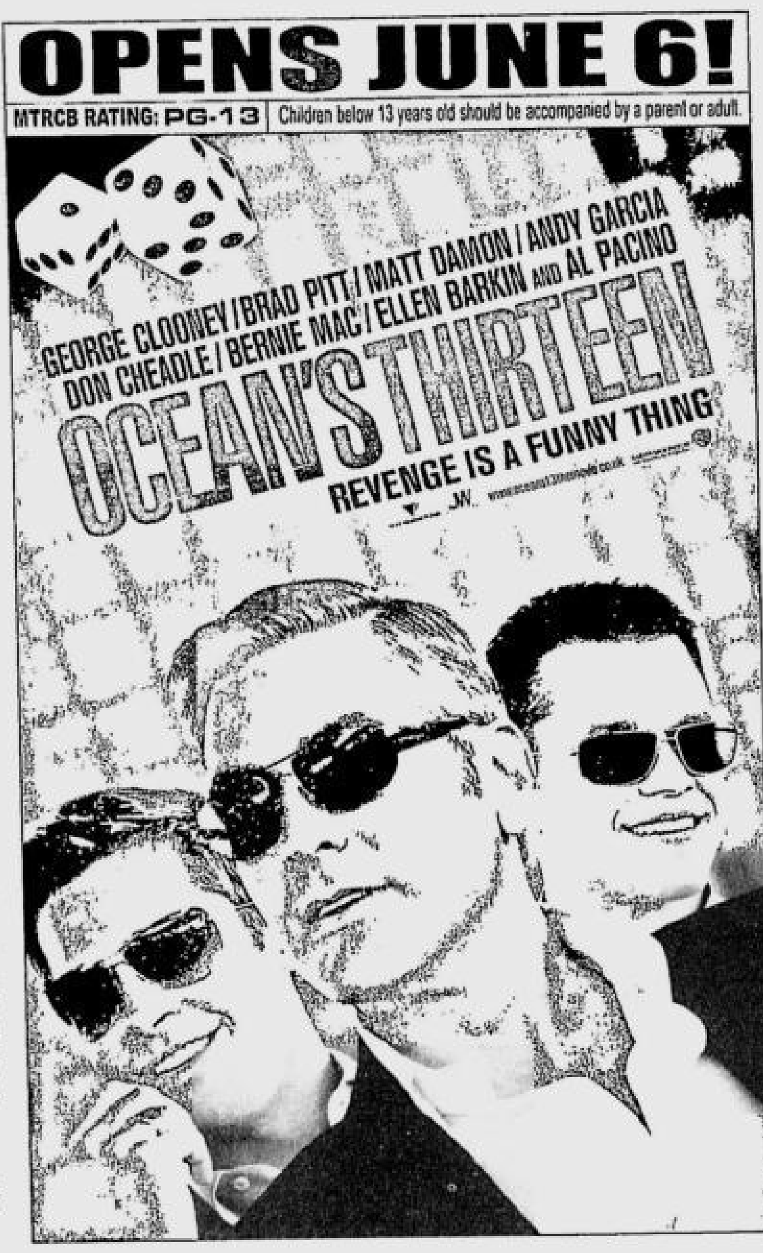
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'American Idol' . . .

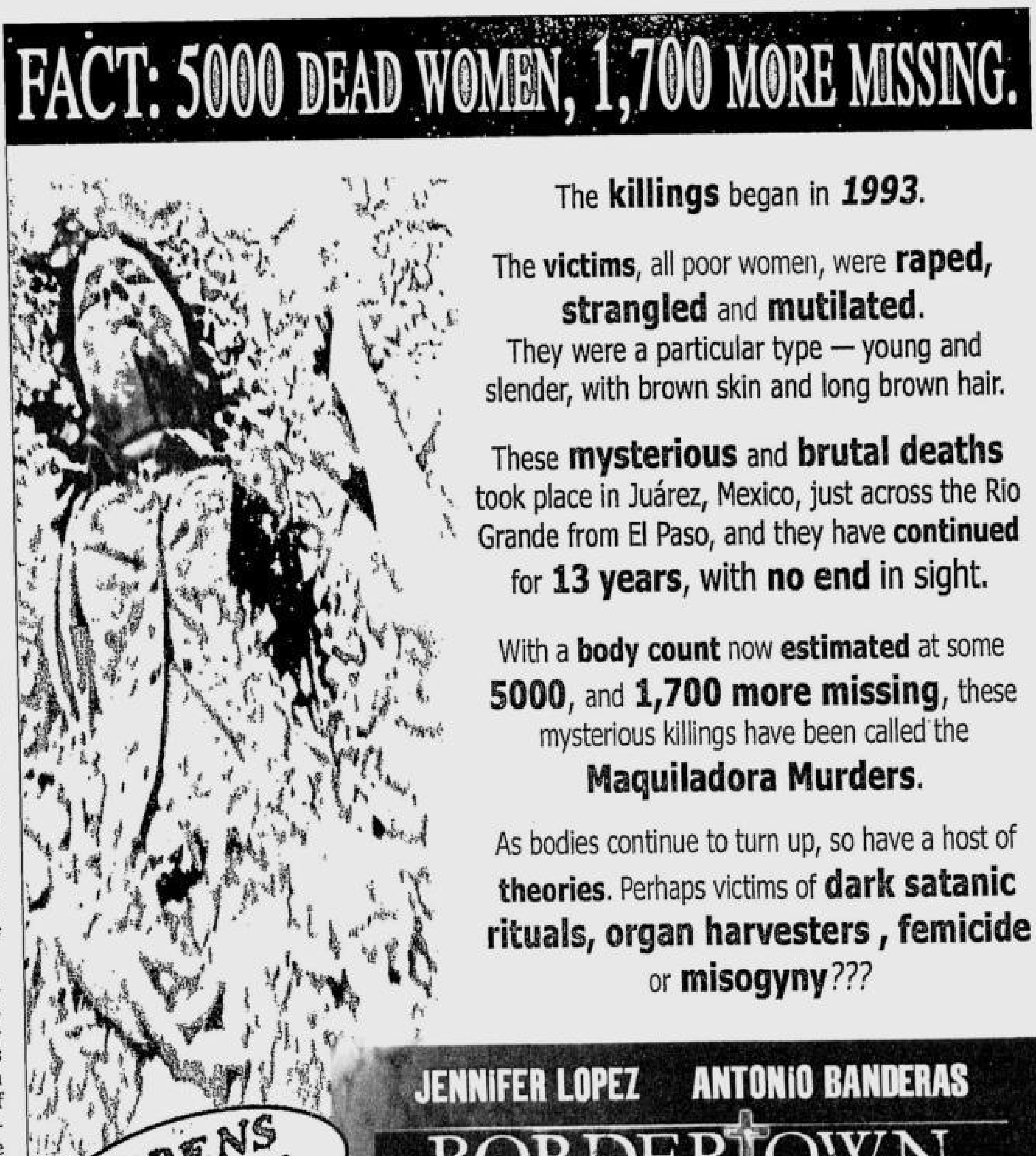
From page G1

ing "Idol" out. For the season as a whole, "American Idol" ratings will be slightly down or even identical to last year, when DVR viewing is taken into account. To some degree, interest is driven by the personalities involved, and a new cast of characters join next spring, said Fox's Scott Grogin.

This year's finale compares to the 30.3 million who watched in 2005, and 28.8 million in 2004. The showdown between Clay Aiken and Ruben Studdard in 2003 attracted 38 million viewers, Nielsen said.

For the first half of this season, ratings outstripped 2006. When water-cooler favorite Sanjaya Malakar was voted off in April, much of the interest left, too.

"The competition down at the end didn't have the excitement [of] years past," said Tim Brooks, author of "The Complete Directory to Prime-Time Network and Cable Television." "It's kind of a rehash to viewers." AP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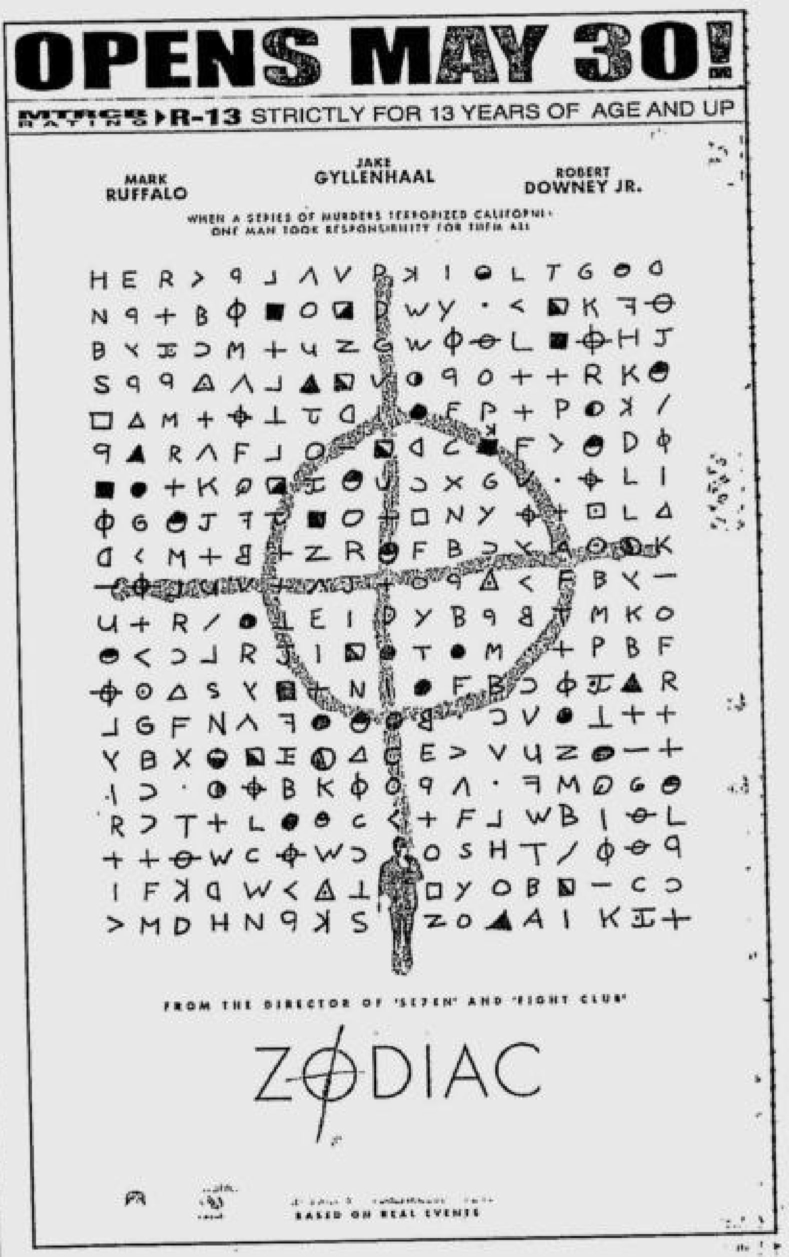
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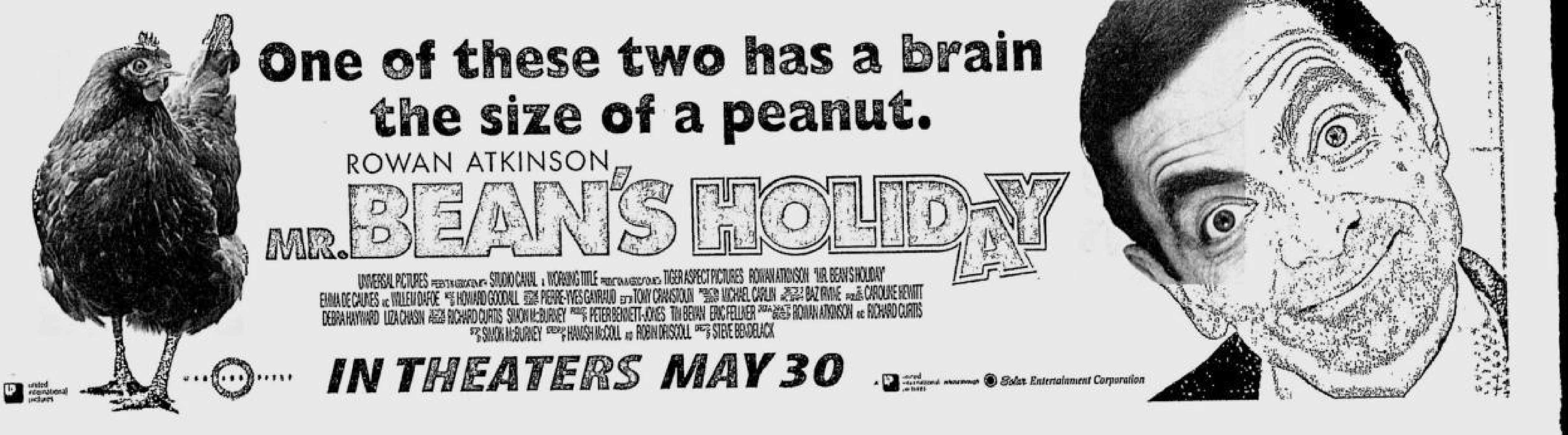
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HOST Lucy Torres-Gomez

It's their time to shine

From page G1

busy with her culinary arts classes. I myself was recording an album with my band, Voyz Avenue.

Krystelle: In the run-up to the finals, we got really nervous because we couldn't practice with our dancing coach. He had to join a competition abroad and did not get back until two days before the championship. We only had two days to learn our jive number.

FIRST runner-up Gerald Yranon and Olivia Cui PHOTOS BY AUGUST DELA CRUZ

What made you join the contest?

Krystelle: This was not my first time to compete. I danced with basketball player Ren-ren Ritualo in first season. Ren-ren backed out a week into the contest.

Kenny: The opportunity was presented to me by a friend. I was a dancer before I became a model. But I had never tried ballroom dancing before. I wanted to try something new, so I joined.

Have you always been into dancing?

Kenny: No. I am first and foremost a musician. I played the trumpet for concert, symphonic and jazz bands in the States. I even took up music in college.

Krystelle: I've been dancing since I was eight. In 1997, I was grand champ of "Eat Bulaga's" EB Ballroom dance contest. I'm also a member of the Dancesport Council of the Philippines. My team competed in Russia, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Thailand, China and Chinese Taipei.

What was your first impression of the show? Did it change when you made it to the championship?

Kenny: I didn't think of it as a competition. Each week I looked at it as a show. If you consider it a competition, you get stressed and start having conflicts with the other dancers.

Krystelle: I take all competitions seriously; I always give my best. Kenny and I weren't as determined in the beginning as we became in the finals. We'd practice for just two hours and then leave.

Would you do it again?

Kenny: No. Competitive dancing isn't for me. I'd rather do shows. What's important was that I made friends with the other dancers.

Krystelle: Yeah. As a whole, it was okay. The production staff was great.

SECOND runner-up Bimbi Cardenas and Paul Nuñez

THIRD runner-up Dice Sy and Vemin Cordero

JUDGES Ednah Ledesma, Audie Gemora and Regine Tolentino

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KABAONG BOX 13
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KAKATOK na ang GAMESHOW na magpapapasok ng sunud-sunod na SUWERTE!
GO BACK TO 3 8
Para lang siguradong manonood ka
1 POWER STONE 16
Promise namin masayang show 'to!
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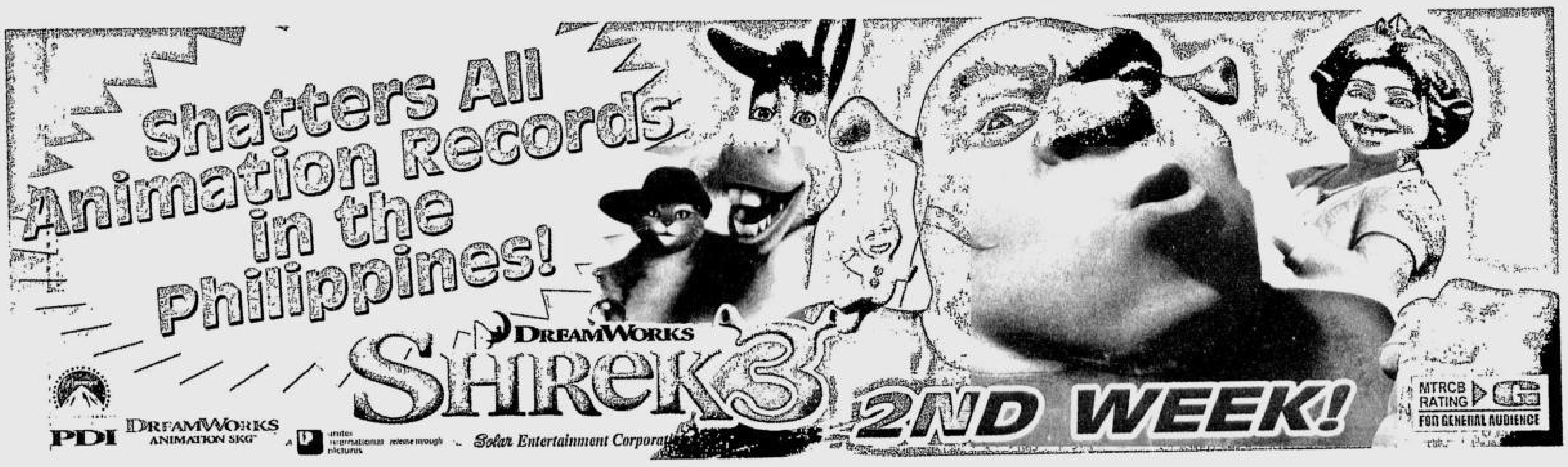
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CHINESE actress Bai Ling

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Who will win Cannes' top prize?

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD

Ruben V. Nepales

CANNES, FRANCE—Who will win Cannes' top prize, Palme d'Or, as the festival wraps up today, Sunday?

As we write this, the bets seem to be on either the **Coen brothers'** "No Country for Old Men" (USA) or **Cristian Mungiu's** abortion drama, "4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days" (Romania). We missed watching the latter, which was the talk of this port city for several days.

But Cannes festival juries are known to spring surprises. Among the other contenders are **David Fincher**'s "Zodiac," **Gus Van Sant**'s "Paranoid Park," **Lee Chang-dong**'s "Secret Sunshine," **Marjane Satrapi**'s "Persepolis," **Wong Kar Wai**'s "My Blueberry Nights," **Carlos Reygadas**' "Silent Light," **Bella Tarr**'s "The Man From London," **Christian Honore**'s "Love Songs," **Quentin Tarantino**'s "Death Proof," **Julian Schnabel**'s "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly," **Ulrich Seidl**'s "Import Export," **Fatih Akin**'s "The Edge of Heaven" and **Andrei Zvyagintsev**'s "The Banishment."

The Philippines' "Foster Child," directed by **Brillante "Dante" Mendoza**, is entered in the Directors' Fortnight, a prestigious non-competition, sidebar section of the

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TONI Collette, above, and Minnie Driver, right, at the red carpet in Cannes

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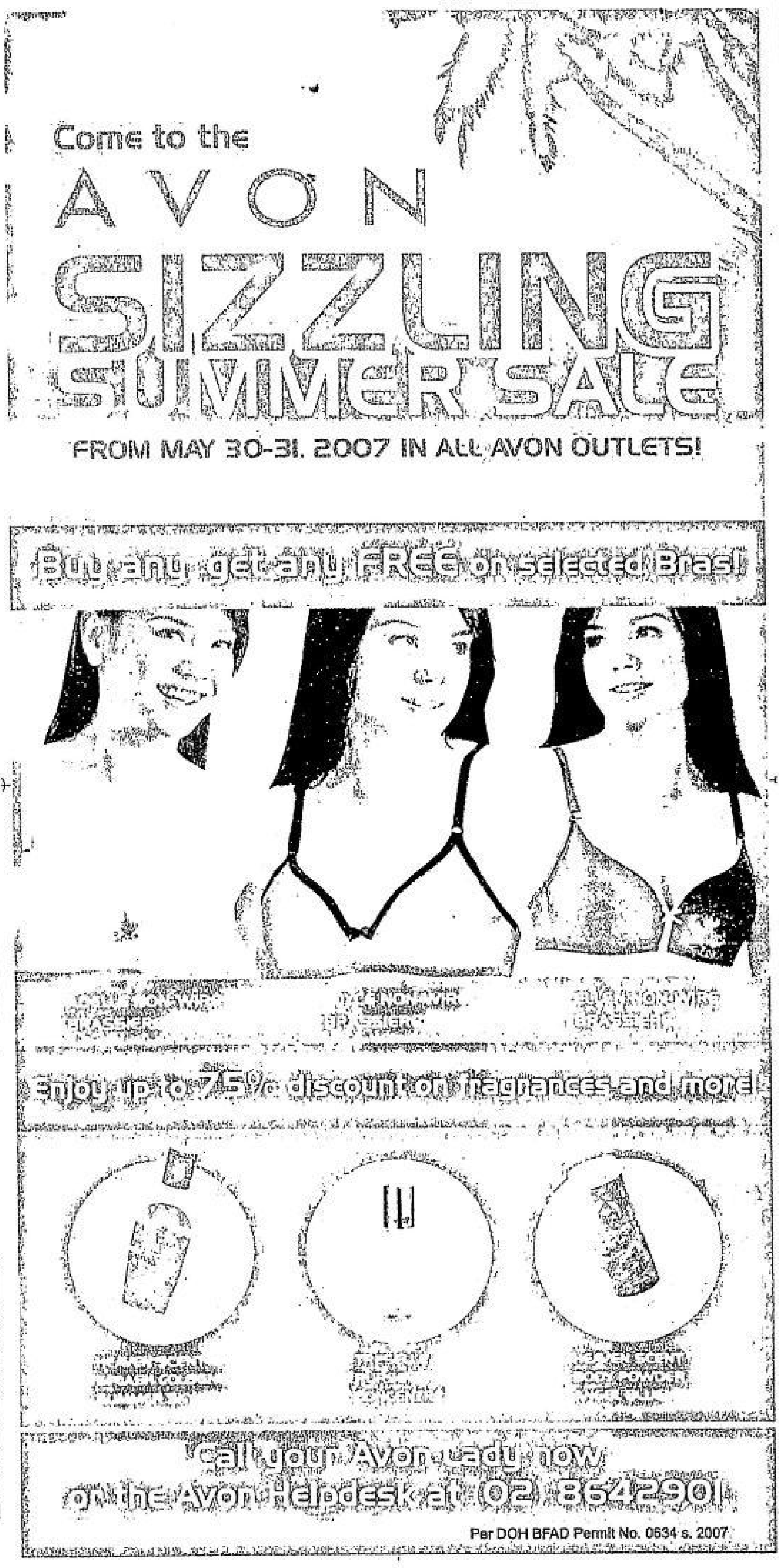

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Iza: It's not about making 'pa-kilig' with Robin

Drama actress says she's tired of doing 'goody-goody' roles, wants a change

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

AS AN ACTRESS, SHE MEANT BUSINESS.

Iza Calzado was explaining why she had accepted her offbeat role in Ato Bautista's new psychological thriller "Blackout"—her fourth dark movie in a row, after Yam Laranas' "Sigaw," Topel Lee's "Yaya" episode in "Shake, Rattle & Roll 8" and Lee's "Ouija."

When the Unitel production started rolling last year, Calzado was up to her neck in work—wrapping up the GMA-7 fantasy series "Encantadia" and promoting the GMA Films romance "Moments of Love."

Still, she fought for Bautista's movie.

"Ato and [cinematographer] Lyle Sacris visited me on the set of 'Encantadia' to tell me more about my character and the story," she recalled.

That sealed the deal.

Moreover, Bautista mentioned to Calzado that he had written the script (with frequent collaborator Shugo Praico) with her in mind for the role of the mysterious mother who lives next door to Padilla's character.

Bautista envisioned Calzado from the start. "She looks like Hilda Koronel and shows great promise as an actress. Even though she had a very busy schedule, she found time for us … I'm very grateful," said Bautista.

Instead of the original five-day shooting schedule, Bautista and Calzado adjusted and made it possible to shoot in two days.

"The second day lasted from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. the following day, though. And I had to rush to a 'Moments of Love' mall show right after," she recounted.

She had no complaints, however, because, after seeing the rushes, she realized: "It was worth it."

Acting with Padilla was another compelling reason to accept "Blackout."

First pairing

"It's my first time to work with him," she related. "It's interesting that, in this movie, we are not a love team. We are not playing a couple. It's not about looking good together and being romantic."

Their goal was not to make the audience feel "*kilig* [thrilled]," she asserted.

"It was all about the script and acting," she explained.

She was impressed with Padilla's transformation in this movie.

"He really immersed himself in the role," she recalled. "He lived in that apartment (the movie's location) before the start of shooting. He looks completely different. It's not the usual Robin Padilla that we see on television."

Calzado, for her part, also experimented in "Blackout."

She saw Bautista's movie, which opens in theaters on June 13, as a much-needed break from routine. "I was doing a lot of goody-goody roles then and I wanted something different."

In GMA Films' "Ouija," which opens in July, she tackled yet another creepy role.

No, she didn't think she was getting typecast in thrillers because she made it a point to make each character distinct every time.

On the small screen, she returns to drama on the GMA-7 prime-time soap "Impostora," which reunites her with Sunshine Dizon, under the direction of Maryo J. de los Reyes.

"Sunshine is a very generous actress. She has always helped me from the start," Calzado said.

They've been teamed up in two previous programs: the drama "Kung Mawawala Ka" and the *telefantasya* "Encantadia."

"I think we're lucky as a team," she enthused.

A day before the "Impostora" pictorial, Calzado, Dizon and their "Encantadia" sisters Karylle and Diana Zubiri had a reunion. "We went malling and had our nails done at a salon. We had fun," Calzado said.

IZA CALZADO

TEAM Tuldas is one of the participants of the Fundador Brotherhood Challenge on AXN.

All-male drama, action in new TV reality show

By Oliver M. Pulumbarit
Contributor

GUY BONDING IS ESSENTIAL FOR COMPETING four-man teams in the new "Fundador Brotherhood Challenge," a 30-minute show airing on AXN for four Sundays, starting tonight at 8.

Test of bonds

Although partly inspired by multi-challenge reality game shows like "The Amazing Race," the new series to be hosted by Paolo Bediones comes with a difference: It will feature an all-male lineup, to match the liquor brand's "brotherhood" drive.

The competition brings together real-life friends whose bonds will be tested in various physical and mental challenges.

"It's entertaining," Kristian Harmston, marketing director of Maxxium Philippines Fine Wines & Spirits, said during the program launch. "We were looking for a way to communicate Fundador's message of brotherhood, about the heritage, the authenticity of the brand. The publicist came up with this concept, a TV series where we could bring those virtues to life. It's a little bit more interactive than, say, your basic TV ad campaign. The great thing is, the guys representing the brand in the TV show really do its virtues good. It's also a local production with all-Filipino staff and talents."

Proof of friendship

According to Gidget Aguinaldo, country director of Beam Global Spirits and Wines, a lot of potential participants logged on to the AXN website, where they submitted their profiles. "We conducted a series of interviews—we needed to see they're really friends. In the future, maybe we'll have female contestants. Right now, brandy is mostly a male drink. If this is successful, we plan to continue with it, probably expand it for next year. The show also has a texting component where you can vote in to win, even if you don't participate in the actual show, where the tests are not just physical. There are emotional tests, too about values that true friends have. You'll see the disloyalty and infighting!"

"The production company that has done the show for us previously did 'Amazing Race' in Asia," Harmston added. "They know what they're doing in terms of bringing all that together. There will be some very dramatic twists and turns. The winners will win a trip to Jerez, Spain, where they'll visit the House of Fundador. It's the trip of a lifetime, with VIP treatment. They'll visit the distillery."

Ecstatic host

Paolo Bediones is ecstatic about the new hosting gig. "There are comparisons with 'Extra Challenge,' the show I used to host on GMA. That's one of the reasons I accepted the job. I missed doing that. I miss being outdoors. I miss motivating people and trying out the challenges myself. To have some of my old staff an d crew with me working on this project, it feels like home. *Wala nang kapa-kapa ito.* Also, it's going to be shown at AXN, and that's another reason why I accepted. To have that kind of exposure, at least in the region, that's something that made me really excited."

Fighting spirit

The contestants are "very enthusiastic," Bediones noted. "A lot of them have that fighting spirit. The way the challenges were designed, there are games of chance, skill, strength, and decision-making. So it doesn't matter if you're a weekend warrior or really an enthusiast or a couch potato. You have a chance. When you have the *barkada*, anything's possible. I think that by the time we're done with this, people will see and feel the kind of drama that men can have. Usually, in adventure races or reality shows, there's always the female component. The major challenge here is to make it interesting despite the fact that you have an all-male cast. The action, the drama will definitely be there."

RUSHES

Top of the tabloids: Ruffa, Regine, Nora

THE TOP SHOW BIZ STORIES IN LOCAL tabloids this week (and why we are moved, if we are moved):

- How true? Ruffa *ikinasal sa dating* BF *sa* Las Vegas? Bisaya (presumabely Ruffa's mom Annabelle Rama), *walang alam sa kasal na ito*?
- Ruffa, *nagpakasal sa ibang lalaki sa* US?

(Ruffa is quoted as saying, "I can't tell the future *naman, no*? As of now, we have a good relationship talking about the kids and *hindi kami magkaaway*." Is this the same woman who told Boy Abunda only last week, "*Hindi ko na kaya*?")

- Annabelle, *makakasama na si* Ruffa *sa pagsisimba*.
- Eddie Gutierrez (Ruffa's dad), *may pasasabugin tungkol sa anak*.
- Eddie to reveal sentiments over Ruffa-Yilmaz breakup. (Next, Richard and Raymond.)
- Fans want Ruffa to stay on "The Buzz." (Ask Yilmaz? Annabelle? Kris Aquino?)
- Yilmaz, *makikipagkita kay* Ruffa *sa* Tate (*At kay* Annabelle—to discuss extension of stint on "The Buzz"? Nah.)
- Ogie, *sinaktan ang* movie press! (Press people quoted saying: 1) "*May pa*-exclusive-exclusive *pa siyang nalalaman, samantalang heto kami't mula noong magsimula siya ay sumuporta na sa* career *niya*." 2) "*Doon na lang siya magpasulat mula ngayon!*" (This is all because Ogie Alcasid chose to announce his romance with Regine Velasquez in a magazine exclusive. Now is the time to announce an Ogie-Regine movie. Quick.)
- Piolo (Pascual) *saludo sa tapang ni* Ogie. (For irking the movie press?)
- Piolo wants to have own "love life." (Volunteers?)
- Regine, type *magka*-affair *kay* Piolo. (Too late, volunteers.)
- Regine ready for motherhood. (*Teka, teka*…)
- Regine, excited din sa ihahayag ni Ogie. (*Ay, di pa niya alam*?)
- Juday, *ayaw pagamit sa pagbabati nina* Piolo *at* Ryan. (Confused, volunteers?)
- Gimmick *nina* Piolo *at* Regine *simple lang*. (Gimmick *lang pala*.)
- Birthday party *ni* Sam, *inisnab ni* Piolo.
- Juday, *kayang pagsabayin ang* career *at lalaki*.
- Mark Herras, stop *muna sa babae*.
- Vilma Santos *masaya para kay* Nora Aunor.
- Ian (De Leon, Nora's son), *iritado sa balitang pagpapakasal ni* Ate Guy. (Ian is quoted as saying, "*Walang kwentang istorya 'yan*, disrespectful. *Handa ko siyang ipagtanggol*. Laid back *na ang buhay niya sa* States. She's happy *at tumaba pa nga*." But did she or didn't she?)
- Marvin (Agustin)-Angel (Locsin) affair for real. (But she didn't have time for her ex, Oyo Boy Sotto, *'di ba*?)
- Angelica (Panganiban) *ayaw sa mga pangit*!
- News reporter *ng* GMA, *basted kay* Francine Prieto. (Again?)

NORA AUNOR

OGIE Alcasid and Regine Velasquez

RUFFA Gutierrez with daughters Venice, L, and Lorin JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

"Ocean's" fund-raising

CANNES, France—George Clooney, Brad Pitt, and other members of the all-star caper "Ocean's Thirteen" made off with millions ahead of the movie's red-carpet premiere Thursday.

The A-list cast raised $9.2 million at an exclusive charity bash on a yacht for Sudanese uprooted by the savage conflict in Darfur.

It was "money for something we thought was important," Clooney told reporters. *AFP*

Angelina's goal

NEW YORK — Angelina Jolie says she has entered a new stage in her life since losing her mother, actress Marcheline Bertrand, to cancer earlier this year.

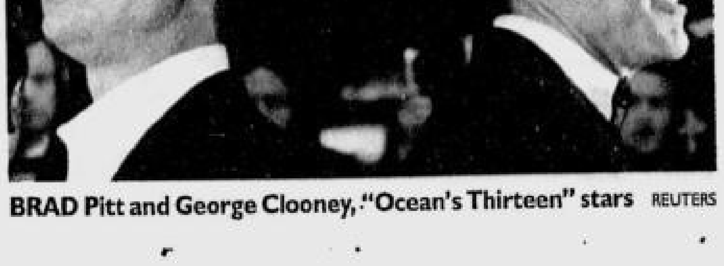
"I want to be a great mom like my mom was and I want to also do the things that I love," the 31-year-old actress said in an interview that aired Wednesday on NBC's "Today" show.

Tearing up, Jolie added: "But I'm holding on to my family really tight at this moment because of that and trying to be—to be as good a woman as I can be in my life." *AP*

Another custody feud

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Actress Anne Heche wants sole custody of her 5-year-old son, saying her estranged husband is a liar who is trying to paint her as a bad mother.

In a Superior Court declaration filed Monday, Heche said that when their son stayed with Coleman Laffoon in Los Angeles, he sends the boy to preschool or leaves him with nannies and babysitters while he "plays ping-pong, backgammon and poker and views pornography online." *AP*



BRAD Pitt and George Clooney, "Ocean's Thirteen" stars REUTERS

DID YOU KNOW...

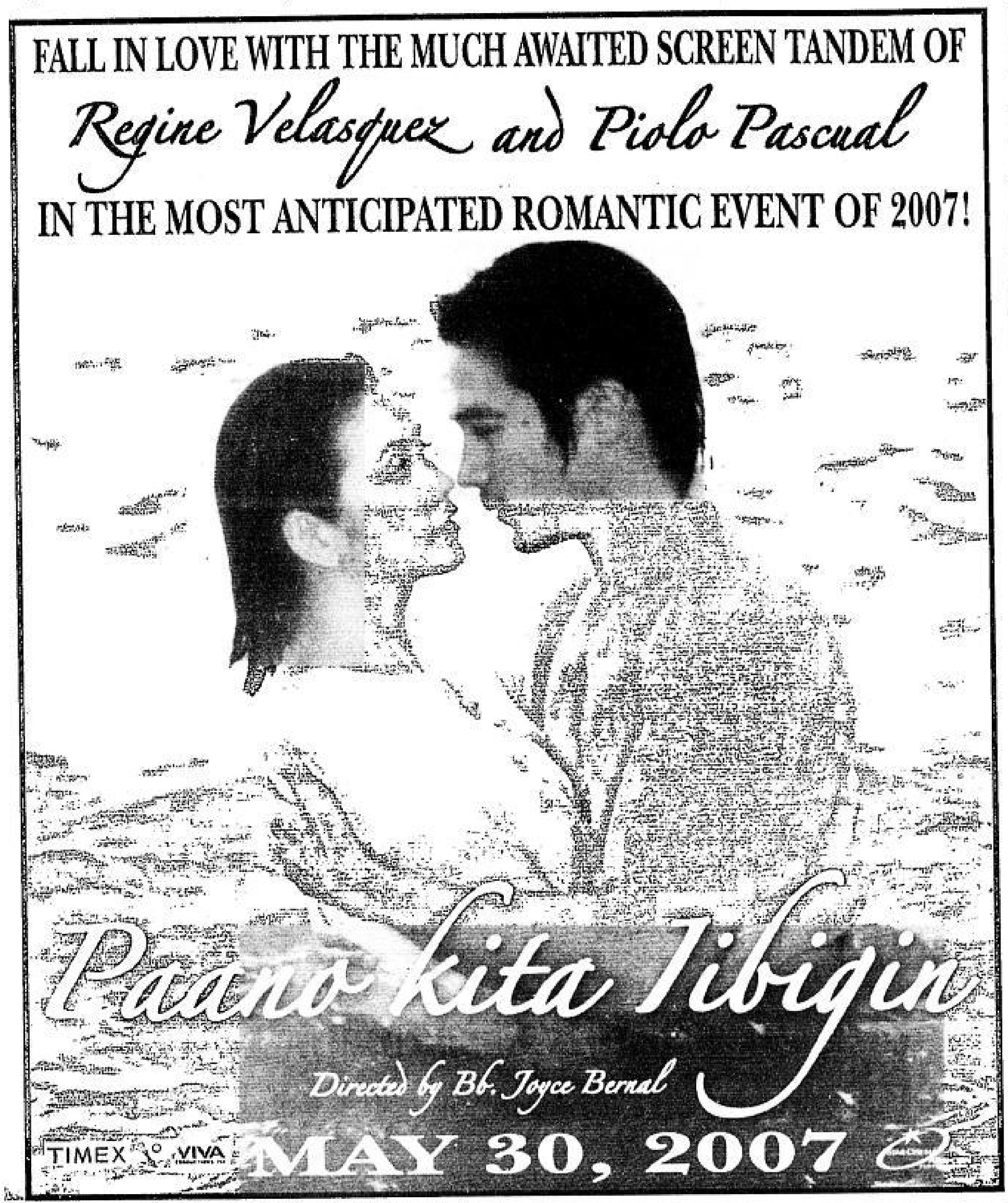
Rock stars, guitar legends

WHAT DO JOEY "PEPE" SMITH, CHICKOY PURA AND JUN LOPITO HAVE IN COMMON?

Aside from being Pinoy rockers in the '70s, they're actually "old" band mates—with Pepe and Jun jamming in Joey Smith and the Airwaves and Jun and Chicoy playing in The Jerks.

The three were also the stars in "Pinoy Guitar Legends," a mini concert staged Wednesday at the Atrium of SM Megamall.

INQUIRER Entertainment was there. The full story in tomorrow's issue.



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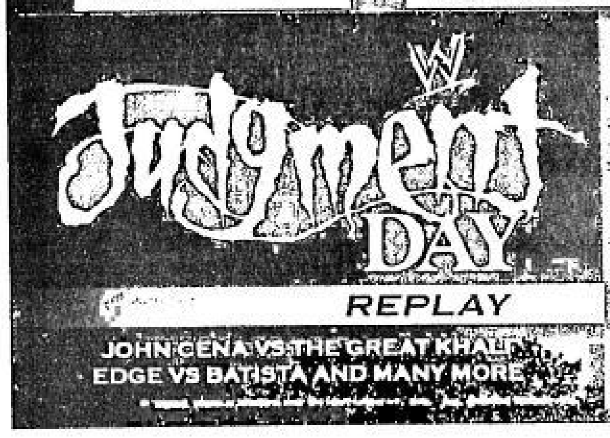

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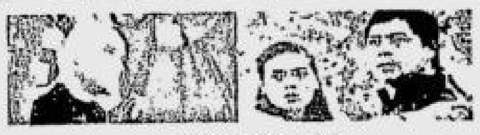

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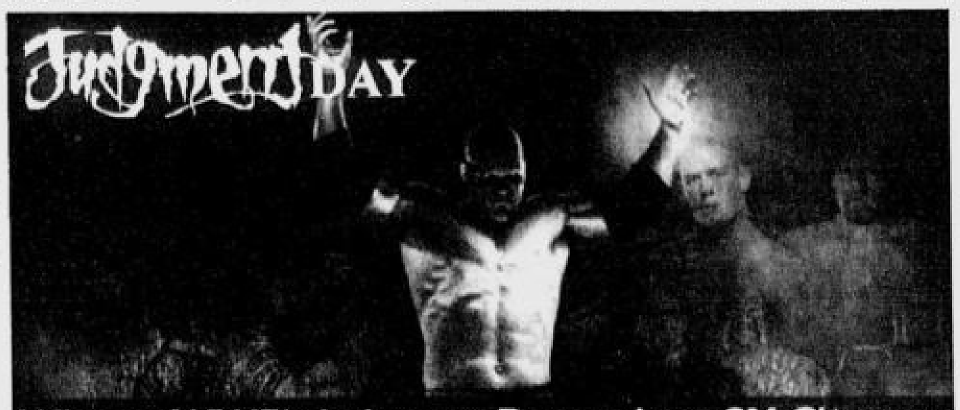

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Who will win …

From page H1

Cannes film fest. As we wrote last Friday, **Angelina Jolie** could have vied for Best Actress but her film, "A Mighty Heart," was entered out of competition.

Applause

We did see "No Country for Old Men," which received a much-deserved standing ovation at the end of its gala screening. Like "A Mighty Heart," it is a film adaptation of a fine novel of the same title by **Cormac McCarthy**. The film's story, triggered by a shoot-out over drugs and cash, is told by **Joel** and **Ethan Coen** in a return to excellence missing in their recent films.

Topnotch acting by the cast, especially **Javier Bardem** as a chillingly humorless villain who will kill anything, anyone; **Josh Brolin**, whose character's life is forever upended when he comes across a valise containing two million dollars; and **Tommy Lee Jones**, as a sheriff philosophically dealing with the changing times should make this film a serious contender come awards season time.

Cannes virgin

Josh Brolin, a Cannes virgin like us, should finally get some major critical attention with his performance. We chanced upon Josh on the terrace of a penthouse suite at the Carlton hotel as he took a brief break from the interviews he was holding all day. The stepson of **Barbra Streisand** (his father, actor **James Brolin**, is married to the superstar singer) told us he hasn't had time yet to soak in the Cannes experience since he just arrived the previous day and did press interviews right away.

On the red carpet of the film's gala screening later that day, Javier and Josh were like playful boys—taking each other's pictures and hamming it up—a complete opposite of the deadly adversaries they play in "No Country…"

Post-screening

However, a couple of hours later, amid the loud cheers and prolonged standing ovation for the film, Josh was misty-eyed as he stood with his wife, lovely and talented actress **Diane Lane**. We walked to an intimate post-screening party with the cast at **Noga Hilton**'s beachside restaurant, La Plage. We congratulated Javier, Josh and the Coen brothers for an outstanding film. In keeping with the film's setting, western-style hats hung on each chair in the table reserved for the cast, directors and executives.

E-mail the columnist at rvnepales_5585@yahoo.com and read his blog, "The Nepales Report," on www.inquirerbloggers.net/nepalesreport.

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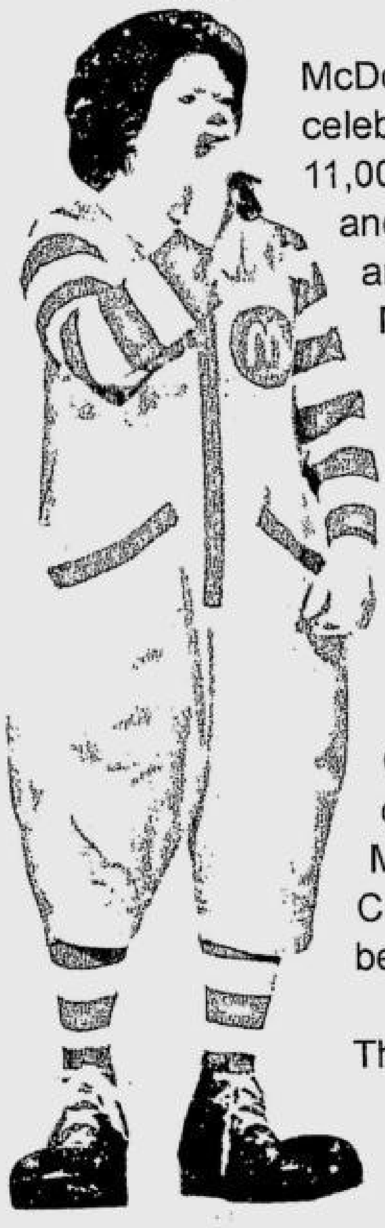


McDonald's caps the hectic summer with a grand celebration honoring smart and active kids. More than 11,000 kids convened at the Aliw Theater in Pasay, and simultaneously in Cebu and Davao, last May 19 and 20 to be officially sworn in as members of the McDonald's Kiddie Crew Workshop.

The venue was jam-packed with excited kids and parents from morning till afternoon for the round of Kiddie Crew commencement exercises. Despite the summer heat, the air was festive as everybody enjoyed the tons of freebies like food, toys and school goodies from McDonald's.

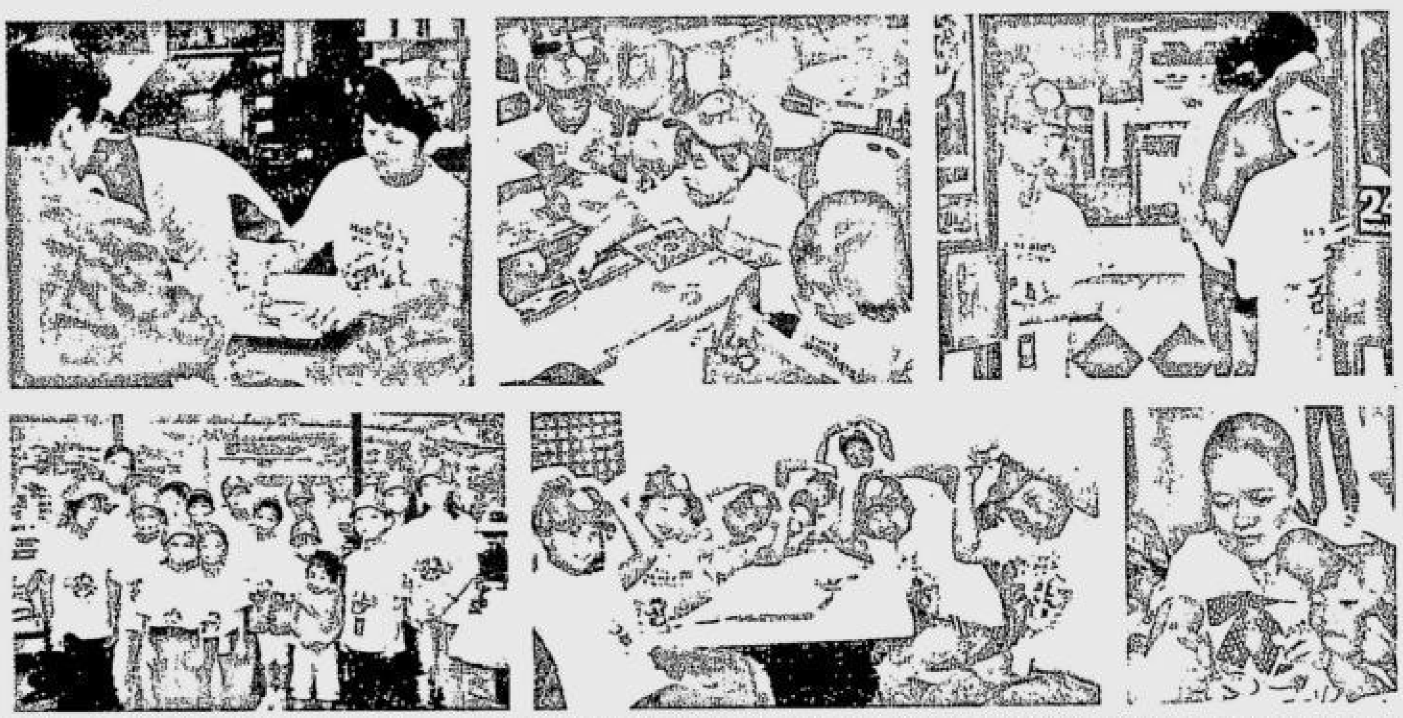
Of course, no Kiddie Crew graduation would be complete without the kids' bestfriend, Ronald McDonald. He guided them in taking their Kiddie Crew Oath where the young graduates pledged to be happy, respectful and obedient children.

The parents present couldn't be more pleased with their children's Kiddie Crew experience at McDonald's.

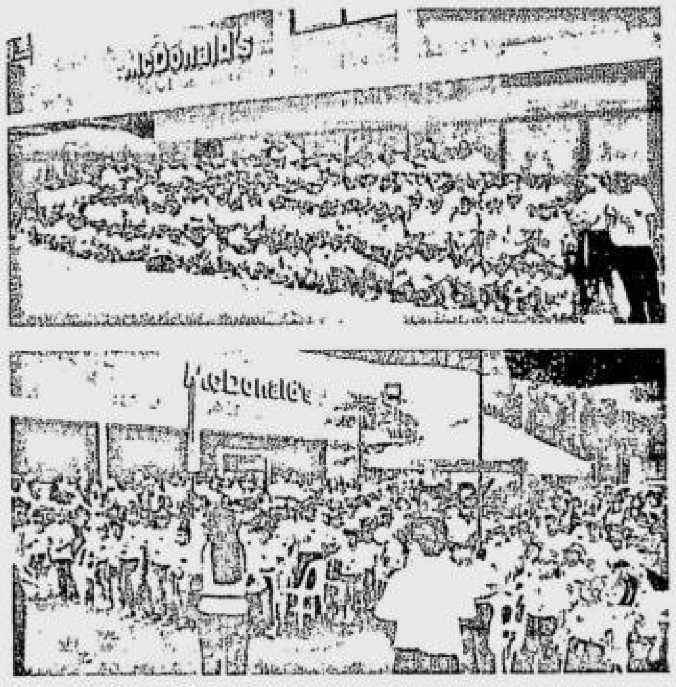
Started in 2004, the McDonald's Kiddie Crew Workshop held every summer engages kids age 6-12 years old to come learn more about their favorite McDonald's restaurant. They are kept happily busy with different kid-friendly programs designed to develop their personalities, improve their interaction and communication skills, and help them become more conscious and inquisitive of their surroundings.

Through the McDonald's Kiddie Crew Workshop, these kids learn about responsibility especially in a place of business. They sharpen their people skills by interacting with people of different ages. They also take away values like cleanliness, courtesy, patience and friendliness from their experience working and having fun at McDonald's.

McDonald's advocates helping children around the world lead happy and active lives. Through the years, McDonald's has supported kids' active lifestyle through its Kids On The Go program, with its flagship program, Kiddie Crew Workshop and has recently owned the world's most popular sport, soccer.

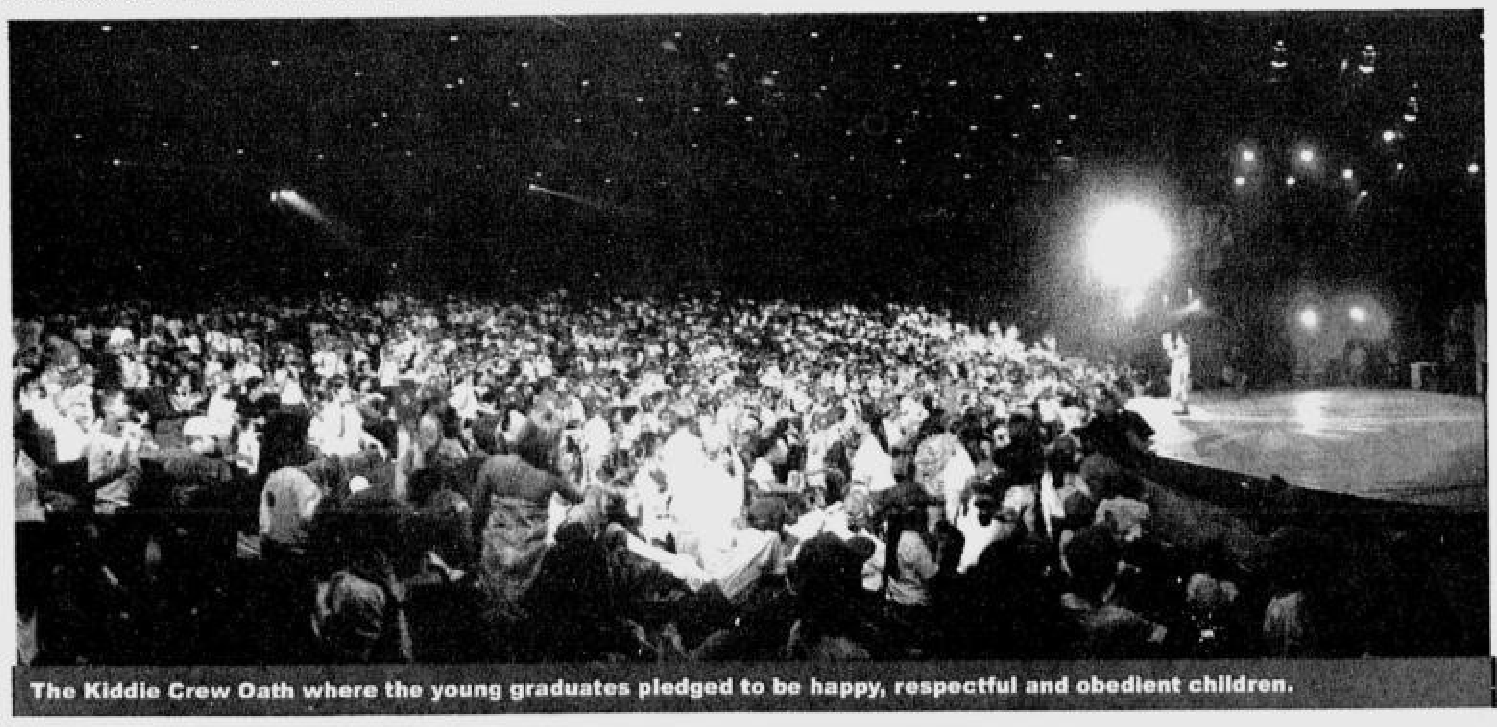


Kids learn the discipline and at the same time have fun during their workshop.



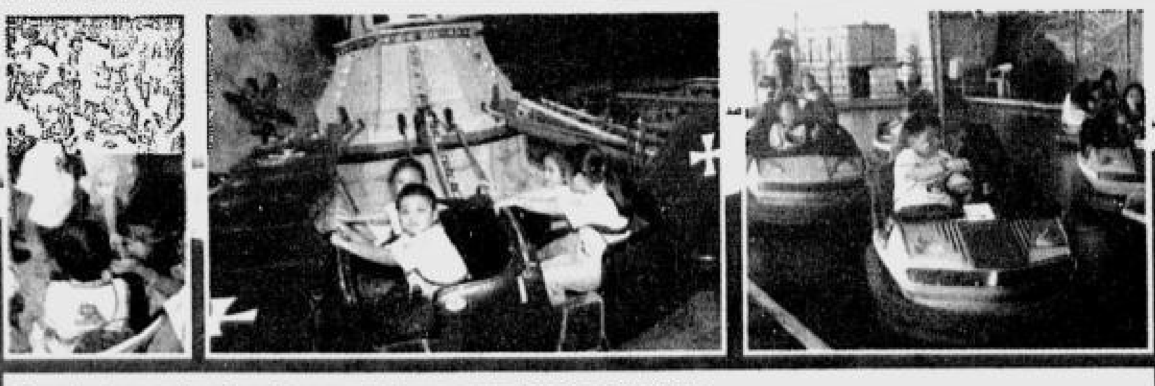
More kids during the McDonald's Kiddie Crew culmination in Davao Bajada.

Ronald and the gang perform during the graduation ceremony.



The Kiddie Crew Oath where the young graduates pledged to be happy, respectful and obedient children.

Nicole Dulalia of Super Twins shares a moment with Birdie



Graduates enjoy free face paintings and rides in Star City.

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ACCION CONTRA EL HAMBRE

Accion Contra el Hambre Philippine Mission

12 Zipper Street, San Lorenzo Village
Makati City
Tel No (+632) 8401808

INVITATION TO BID

ACCION CONTRA EL HAMBRE (ACF-E) is a Spanish humanitarian, voluntary, non-governmental (N.G.O.), non-religious, non-political and non-profit making organization. ACF-E is providing assistance to farmers affected by Typhoons in the province of Sorsogon. In line with this, ACF-E intends to award supply contracts for:

CONTRACT 1 : INBRED RICE CERTIFIED SEEDS		
Quantity*	Unit	Variety and other specifications
1530	Bags(40Kgs)	PSB Rc 18, 123 days to maturity
1000	Bags(40Kgs)	PSB Rc 10, 106 days to maturity
140	Bags(40Kgs)	NSIC 112, 111 days to maturity
130	Bags(40Kgs)	PSB Rc 82, 110 days to maturity

Note that a germination rate of at least 85 %, a purity of at least 98 % and a moisture content of maximum 14 % is required.

CONTRACT 2 : INORGANIC FERTILIZER		
Quantity*	Unit	Type and other specifications
1130	Bags(50Kgs)	Complete 14 - 14 - 14
525	Bags(50Kgs)	Ammophos 16 - 20 - 0
1145	Bags(50Kgs)	Urea 46 - 0 - 0

* The quantities specified are just indicative and might change after field validation.

This will be delivered to different municipalities of Sorsogon Province. Cost of Delivery must be included in the Bid Amount.
Bidders for both rice seeds and Fertilizers are required to submit 2 separate bids (contract 1 and contract 2).

The tender dossier is available from Accion Contra el Hambre office. It can be requested at this email address: **logcoordo_achfilipinas@yahoo.com** or by phone: **(02) 8401808.**
Deadline for submission is June 1, 2007 at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The opening of the bids will take place in Accion Contra el Hambre Makati office on June 4, 2007 at 10.00 am.

(PDI - May 24 & 27, 2007)

GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM
Financial Center, Pasay City, Metro Manila 1308

PHYSICAL RESOURCES DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO BID

The GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM invites all interested parties to submit sealed proposals for the sale of Seven (7) Motor Vehicles located at the GSIS Pasay City on "AS IS, WHERE IS" basis to be conducted on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at 2:00 P.M. at the Physical Resources Lounge, Level I, Core B, New GSIS Headquarters Bldg., Pasay City.

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	MIN. BID
One (1)	Alfa Romeo, Mdl. 2002, Plate No. SFX-872, Gasoline Engine	GSIS Pasay City	P 623,700.00
One (1)	Alfa Romeo, Mdl. 2002, Plate No. SFX-882, Gasoline Engine	GSIS Pasay City	P 623,700.00
One (1)	Mitsubishi Pajero, Mdl. 1999 – Intercooler Turbo 1800, Plate No.SGY-376, Diesel Engine	GSIS Pasay City	P 807,300.00
One (1)	Toyota Corona, Mdl. 1992, Plate No. SEP-366	GSIS Pasay City	P 96,390.00
One (1)	Toyota Corona, Mdl. 1980, Plate No. SAS-952	GSIS Pasay City	P 20,412.00
One (1)	Nissan Urvan, Model 2000, Plate No. WKB-541	GSIS Pasay City	P 420,000.00
One (1)	Toyota Crown, Model 1993, Plate No. SEG-610	GSIS Pasay City	P 144,000.00

The above items may be inspected at the New GSIS Headquarters, Financial Center, Pasay City during office hours. For official Bid Forms and further inquiries, please refer to the Materials Management Department, GSIS, Financial Center, Pasay City at Telephone Number 891-62-95.

Sealed Bids shall be accompanied by refundable cash bid securities equivalent to 10% of the total amount of bid. Manager's, cashier's or certified checks shall be accepted as cash.

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(Sgd.) JOSELITO T. SANTOS
Vice-President
Physical Resources Office

(PDI – May 26 & 27, 2007)

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Notice is hereby given that, since September 28, 2006, Spouses **Frederick Go Liao and Maritess Liao** were no longer connected with the UPSON INDUSTRIES CORPORATION. Also, **Mr. Fernando "Andoy" Mendoza** has not been reporting for work since April 2007 despite due notices.

Consequently, any commitments by **Spouses Frederick Go Liao and Maritess Liao,** and **Fernando "Andoy" Mendoza**, for and on behalf of the Upson Industries Corporation are thus unauthorized, and will not be honored by the management of our company.

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2 04 CHEVROLET OPTRA LS M/T	XRG-188	360,000	306,000	336,600
3 06 CHEVROLET OPTRA LS WAGON A/T	ZEM-697	650,000	552,500	607,750
4 05 CHEVROLET VENTURE A/T	XTD-821	920,000	690,000	759,000
5 05 CHEVROLET OPTRA LT A/T	XTD-978	600,000	450,000	495,000
6 05 CHEVROLET OPTRA LT A/T	ZAZ-748	550,000	412,500	453,750
7 04 CHEVROLET OPTRA LS A/T	XRT-148	360,000	324,000	340,200
FORD				
8 04 FORD EVEREST DSL A/T	YBP-369	680,000	612,000	642,600
9 05 FORD FOCUS A/T	ZDB-114	750,000	678,000	708,750
10 05 FORD LYNX GSI A/T	XRV-321	450,000	405,000	425,250
11 05 FORD LYNX GSI M/T	XTP-565	400,000	340,000	374,000
12 05 FORD LYNX GHIA A/T	ZAV-831	450,000	382,500	420,750
13 04 FORD LYNX LSI M/T	XMZ-223	360,000	270,000	297,000
14 03 FORD EXPLORER A/T	XMG-169	680,000	510,000	561,000
HONDA				
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20 05 ISUZU SPORTIVO M/T	ZAY-605	780,000	702,000	737,100
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22 04 ISUZU CROSSWIND XT M/T	XRU-618	480,000	432,000	453,600
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23 06 KIA KC2700 PANORAMIC M/T	VDV-649	580,000	522,000	548,100
24 05 KIA PICANTO A/T	VCM-537	320,000	288,000	302,400
25 05 KIA PREGIO GS FESTIVAL M/T	ZAB-120	450,000	337,500	371,250
26 05 KIA KC2700 PANORAMIC M/T	ZAF-570	610,00	457,500	503,250
MERCEDES				
27 96 MERCEDES BENZ 100 M/T	DRL-523	150,000	127,500	140,250
MITSUBISHI				
28 05 MITSUBISHI PAJERO GLS A/T	XSW-890	2,100,000	1,785,000	1,963,500
29 04 MITSUBISHI L400 SPACEGEAR M/T	RBE-143	700,000	525,000	577,500
30 04 MITSUBISHI L400 SPACEGEAR A/T	XSN-279	670,000	502,500	552,750
31 04 MITSUBISHI L400 SPACEGEAR A/T	VCU-445	550,000	412,500	453,750
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56 06 NISSAN SENTRA GSX A/T	ZDU-206	520,000	468,000	491,400
57 06 NISSAN SENTRA GSX A/T	ZEF-338	500,000	450,000	472,500
58 06 NISSAN SENTRA GSX M/T	ZDV-286	600,000	450,000	495,000
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62 05 NISSAN SENTRA GS A/T	XRM-372	480,000	408,000	448,800
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66 04 NISSAN SENTRA GSX M/T	XPT-980	380,000	285,000	313,500
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16 04 NISSAN FRONTIER DSL A/T	XSL-937	600,000	450,000	495,000
17 04 NISSAN FRONTIER DSL M/T	TEMP 0604	620,000	465,000	511,500
18 03 NISSAN TERRANO 4X4 DSL M/T	FFK-808	800,000	600,000	660,000
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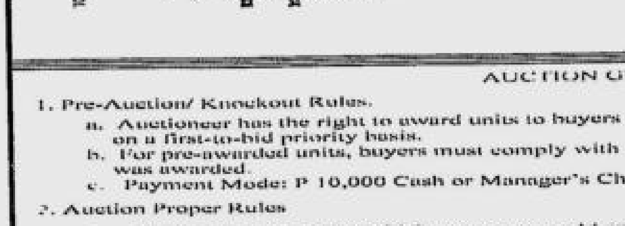
19 06 SUZUKI APV GL M/T	NO PLATE	630,000	535,500	589,050
20 05 SUZUKI APV GLX A/T	FFN-883	600,000	450,000	495,000
TOYOTA				
21 03 TOYOTA REVO GLX M/T	XHZ-563	350,000	262,500	288,750
22 96 TOYOTA TAMARAW FX DSL M/T	HVF-223	100,000	85,000	93,500



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NOTICE IS GIVEN ON THE EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE HERMENEGILDO DEL ROSARIO TIONGSON BY HIS HEIRS UNDER DOC. NO. 288 PAGE59 BOOK NO. XIX SERIES OF 2006 BEFORE NOTARY PUBLIC CYNTHIA G. RUIZ. (PDI-MAY27,JUNE3&10,2007)

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Supply and Delivery of Various
Information Technology Equipment for e-NGAS
[IAEB No. GOP/07-DSWD-012]

1. The *Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)*, through the General Administrative and Support Services Group (GASSG) Fund intends to apply the sum of **Eight Million Nine Hundred Forty Thousand Pesos (PHP8,940,000.00)** being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for **"Supply and Delivery of Various Information Technology Equipment for e-NGAS"** with IAEB No. GOP/07-DSWD-012, broken down as follows:

Lot No.	Particulars	Quantity	Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC)
1	High End Server	12 units	P 6,000,000.00
2	High End Laserjet Network Printer	12 units	P 600,000.00
3	High End Desktop Computer	36 units	P 2,340,000.00
GRAND TOTAL			P 8,940,000.00

Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.

2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) now invites Bids from eligible Bidders for the supply and delivery of various information technology equipment. The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB.
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines. and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183) and subject to Commonwealth Act 138 (C.A. 138). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB. The bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine responsiveness of the bid to technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during the post-qualification procedure.
4. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from DSWD BAC Secretariat and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from Monday to Friday at 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee in the amount of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) starting May 17, 2007. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.
6. The DSWD will hold a **Pre-Bid Conference** open to all interested parties on **May 31, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.** at the 2nd Floor Administrative Conference Room (Old Building).
7. Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered to the address below on or before **9:30 a.m. on June 13, 2007.** All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in the form of cash, manager's check or cashier's check and in the minimum amount of at least one percent (1%) of the ABC of the Lot to which the bidder intends to participate. Combination of two (2) or more of any of the foregoing forms is not allowed. Late Bids shall not be accepted.
8. **Bid opening shall be on June 13, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.** at the DSWD Central Office 2nd Floor, Old Building, Administrative Conference Room Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
9. **The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)** reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

THE BAC CHAIRPERSON
DSWD Bids and Awards Committee
c/o BAC Secretariat
2nd Floor, DSWD Old Building,
Batasan Pambansa Complex, Quezon City
Telefax no.: 951-7116
Trunkline No.: 931-8101 Local 217

(Sgd.) **A/SEC. FLORITA R. VILLAR**
BAC Chairperson

(PDI – May 20 & 27, 2007)

NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY

Philippine Sugar Center Bldg., North Ave., Diliman, Quezon City
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RE-INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Supply and Delivery of Metal License and Registration Plates

The *NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY*, through its *2007 Corporate Operating Budget* intends to apply the sum of *P11,880,000.00* being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for *supply and delivery of 108,000 pieces metal license and registration plates*.

Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.

The *NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY* now invites Bids from eligible Bidders for the *supply and delivery of 108,000 pieces metal license and registration plates*. Delivery is required within 30 calendar days from receipt of Notice of Award. The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding Documents, **Instruction to Bidders (ITB).**

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183) and subject to Commonwealth Act 138 (C.A. 138). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II of the Bidding documents, ITB.

Interested bidders may obtain further information from the NFA-BAC SECRETARIAT and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount of P10,000.00. The method of payment will be *CASH*. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative. Prospective bidders who secured the bidding documents for the failed bidding of May 24, 2007 are no longer required to pay anew the non-refundable fee of P10,000.00 for the bid documents.

The *NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY* will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on *June 13, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.* at the *NFA Conference Room, 6th floor, Philsugin Bldg., North Avenue, Quezon City.*

Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered at the *NFA Conference Room, 6th floor, Philsugin Bldg., North Avenue, Quezon City* on June 26, 2007 from 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Late Bids shall not be accepted. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in the following form and amount.

Form of Security	Required Amount in Percent of ABC
Cash, Cashier's Check, Manager's Check, Bank Draft or Irrevocable Letter of Credit	One percent (1%)
Bank Guarantee	One and a half percent (1.5%)
Surety Bond stamped "Callable on Demand" on the face of the Bond issued by GSIS	Two and a half percent (2.5%)
Any combination of the above	Proportionate to share

Bid opening shall be on *June 26, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.* at the *NFA Board Room, 6th floor, Philsugin Bldg., North Avenue, Quezon City*. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives.

The *NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY* reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

Procuring Entity – *NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY*
Contact Person – *Jose D. Chua / Violeta S. Villarama*
Address – *Philsugin Bldg., North Avenue, Quezon City*
Telephone / Fax No. – *(632) 455-2758*
Mobile No. – *(0928) 410-2732*
e-mail address – *vsvillarama@nfa.gov.ph*
Website – *www.nfa.gov.ph*

(Sgd.) **PEDRO S. HERNANDO, JR.**
Deputy Administrator and BAC Chair
for Administration and General Support Services

(PDI – May 27, 2007)

Republic of the Philippines
National Electrification Administration
Needed Immediately

GENERAL MANAGER

for
FIRST LAGUNA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (FLECO)
Lumban, Laguna

Qualifications:

- 30-50 YEARS OLD
- Male or Female
- Graduate of Business Administration, Engineering (Electrical, Mechanical, ECE), Accounting, Finance, Management or Behavioral Science
- With Master's Degree or Post-Graduate Degree preferred
- Must have at least five (5) years managerial experience in a utility-related business enterprise
- Computer literate
- Must be willing to relocate with his/her family in Laguna

Starting Salary: P30,000.00

Application forms and additional information may be obtained from the Institutional Development Department, 6th Floor, NEA Building, NIA Road, Diliman, Quezon City.

Deadline for submission of application form is on 11 June 2007.

(Sgd.) **EDITA S. BUENO**
Administrator

Republic of the Philippines
National Electrification Administration
Needed Immediately

GENERAL MANAGER

for
Central Pangasinan Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CENPELCO)
San Carlos City, Pangasinan

Qualifications:

- 30-50 YEARS OLD
- Male or Female
- Graduate of Business Administration, Engineering (Electrical, Mechanical, ECE), Accounting, Finance, Management or Behavioral Science
- With Master's Degree or Post-Graduate Degree preferred
- Must have at least five (5) years managerial experience in a utility-related business enterprise
- Computer literate
- Must be willing to relocate with his/her family in Pangasinan

Starting Salary: P35,000.00

Application forms and additional information may be obtained from the Institutional Development Department, 6th Floor, NEA Building, NIA Road, Diliman, Quezon City.

Deadline for submission of application form is on June 13, 2007.

(Sgd.) **EDITA S. BUENO**
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E-mail: pelco1_mexico72@yahoo.com

May 24, 2007

INVITATION TO BID

In compliance with Energy Regulatory Commission's (ERC) directive, the Pampanga I Electric Cooperative, Inc. invites Eligible bidders to supply the energy requirement of PELCO I franchise area commencing year 2011. This is due to the impending power shortages indicated in the Department of Energy's (DOE) Power Development Plan (PDP).

Submission of LETTER OF INTENT - **May 28 – June 6, 2007**
Bid Document availability - **May 31 – June 6, 2007**
Pre-Bid Conference - **June 8, 2007 @ 2PM**
Opening of Sealed Bids - **June 15, 2007 @ 2PM**

Interested bidders are subject for pre-qualification.

PELCO I reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids including application to pre-qualify without stating any reason. For any inquiry, please contact the members of the BAC at the telephone numbers stated above.

(Sgd.) **ENGR. ROY M. DE LEON**
BAC Chairman

Noted by:

(Sgd.) **ENGR. LOLIANO E. ALLAS**
General Manager

(PDI – May 27 & 30, 2007)

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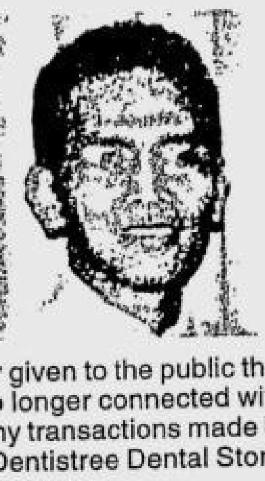

Notice is hereby given to the public that **FORTUNATO G. EBORA** is no longer connected with the Dentistree Dental Store. Any transactions made by **Mr. Ebora** for or on behalf of Dentistree Dental Store shall no longer be honored.

Branch 105 of the Regional Trial Court of Quezon City issued a warrant of arrest against Fortunato G. Ebora on September 21, 2006. Please contact 926-45-26 / 456-05-90 for any information leading to his arrest.

(PDI – May 27, 2007)

Supreme Court
Halls of Justice-Bids and Awards Committee

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Supreme Court, through the Halls of Justice-Bids and Awards Committee, invites security and janitorial services provider to apply for eligibility and to bid for the provision of JANITORIAL and SECURITY SERVICES for the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, for the Halls of Justice at:

CLUSTER III

Angeles City, Pampanga	Morong, Bataan
Balanga, Bataan	Muñoz, Nueva Ecija
Baloc Sto. Domingo, Nueva Ecija	Olongapo City
Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija	Palayan City, Nueva Ecija
Camiling, Tarlac	Paniqui, Tarlac
Capas, Tarlac	Samal, Bataan
Dinalupihan, Bataan	San Fernando, Pampanga
Gerona, Tarlac	San Jose City, Nueva Ecija
Guagua, Pampanga	San Jose del Monte, Bulacan
Guimba, Nueva Ecija	Sto. Domingo, Nueva Ecija
Iba, Zambales	Tarlac City
Malolos, Bulacan	Victoria, Tarlac

CLUSTER VI

Bacolod City	Kalibo, Aklan
Bago City, Negros Occidental	La Carlota, Negros Occidental
Banga, Aklan	Malinao, Aklan
Barotac Viejo, Iloilo	Mambusao, Capiz
Binalbagan, Negros Occidental	Pototan, Iloilo
Dumangas, Iloilo	Roxas City, Capiz
Guimbal, Iloilo	Sagay, Negros Occidental
Iloilo City	San Carlos City, Negros Occidental
Janiuay, Iloilo	San Jose, Antique
	Victorias City, Negros Occidental

CLUSTER IX
(Security Services only)

Aurora, Zamboanga del Sur	Molave, Zamboanga del Sur
Dipolog City, Zamboanga del Norte	Pagadian City, Zamboanga del Sur
Ipil, Zamboanga del Sur	San Miguel, Zamboanga del Sur
Isabela, Basilan	Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte
Jolo, Sulu	Siocon, Zamboanga del Norte
Labangan, Zamboanga del Sur	Tambulig, Zamboanga del Sur
Liloy, Zamboanga del Norte	Zamboanga City

CLUSTER X

Balingasag, Misamis Oriental	Loreto, Surigao del Norte
Balingoan, Misamis Oriental	Mambajao, Camiguin
Buenavista, Agusan del Norte	Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon
Butuan City, Agusan del Norte	Medina, Misamis Oriental
Cagayan de Oro City	Nasipit, Agusan del Norte
Dapa, Surigao del Norte	Oroquieta City, Misamis Occidental
Gingoog City, Misamis Oriental	Ozamis City, Misamis Occidental
Initao, Misamis Oriental	Salay, Misamis Oriental
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CLUSTER XII
(Janitorial Services only)

Iligan City, Lanao del Norte	Kidapawan, North Cotabato
Kabacan, North Cotabato	Marawi City, Lanao del Sur

The approved budgets for the Clusters are as follows:

	Janitorial	Security
Cluster III	P9,666,319.68	P25,969,184.52
Cluster VI	5,496,405.60	13,569,626.88
Cluster IX	-0-	8,468,309.76
Cluster X	3,184,517.76	13,830,551.40
Cluster XII	1,297,384.08	-0-
TOTAL	P19,644,627.12	P61,837,672.56

This is to be charged against the budget released for the Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses for the Halls of Justice, Supreme Court.

Janitorial and Security services shall be bid out separately. Those bidding for more than one cluster shall file separate bids for each cluster.

All particulars relative to this bidding shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR).

Eligibility requirements and the bid forms shall be issued from 28 May to 4 June 2007. Said documents will be furnished to the prospective bidders after payment of a non-refundable amount of P1,000.00 for each Cluster and service they intend to bid for.

I. PRE-BID CONFERENCE

The pre-bid conference for both Janitorial and Security Services shall be on 7 June 2007, 9:00 a.m. at the Old Session Hall, Old Supreme Court Main Building, Padre Faura St., cor. Taft Ave., Manila.

II. SUBMISSION OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS and OPENING OF BIDS

Submission of Eligibility Requirements and Bids for Janitorial Services shall be on 19 June 2007, 9:00 a.m. at the Old Session Hall of the Old Supreme Court Main Building.

Submission of Eligibility Requirements and Bids for Security Services shall be on 20 June 2007, 9:00 a.m. also at the Old Session Hall of the Old Supreme Court Main Building.

Only the bids of eligible bidders will be opened. The opening of bids shall be done in the presence of the bidders immediately after the checking of the eligibility requirements.

Awards of contracts shall be made not only on the basis of the bid price but also on the sufficiency of the supplies, equipment and administrative supervision to be provided.

The Supreme Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids or offers which it may consider to be disadvantageous and not beneficial to the Court or waive any defect or informality therein.

27 May 2007

(Sgd.) **CHRISTOPHER O. LOCK**
Chairman, HOJ-BAC

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We, the family of the late

DR. PORTIA P. GESILVA

Director III, Dept. of Education – National Capital Region
(April 8, 1951 - May 13, 2007)

and

JESUISA P. GESILVA

(September 16, 1926 - May 11, 2007)
of TANAY, RIZAL

wish to convey our heartfelt gratitude to all who paid their last respects and grieved with us, offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers, messages of sympathy, gave donations, visited and kept vigil, joined the funeral rites and memorial services, and who in various generous ways expressed love, concern and gave us comfort at the time of our great loss and sorrow.

Our most sincere gratitude.

Perpetua Centeno Seville

31 December 1948 - 20 May 2007
of
Malayuan, Ajuy, Iloilo and of Citta Italia Subd., Imus Cavite

She is fondly called "Pette" by her peers, "Pangga" by her close nurse associates, "Etay" by relatives and "Mommy" by her family;
- a former Military Nurse of the AFP
- a registered nurse, USA
- a Lady Veteran
- a former school health counsellor
- a former public health care provider in Guam

Peacefully joined her Creator on Sunday, the 20th of May 2007 at the age of 58.

Her husband Boie and children Armi May, Kathrina, Tonton, Alrich; and her brothers and sisters and their in-laws, request the readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at The Heritage Park Mortuary & Crematory, Chapel 1, where nightly mass is celebrated at 8:00pm.

Necrological services will be held on 28 May 2007 at 8:00pm.

Interment at The Heritage Park
will follow after the Requiem Mass at 9:00am
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Leonila "Nelly" Diaz Calimbas

of New Brighton, Minnesota, USA; Dinalupihan, Bataan and Manila, Philippines died on Easter Sunday, April 8, 2007 at the age of 89.

Preceded in death by husband, **Pacifico**. Survived by sons **Wilfredo** and **Leopoldo (Nicki)**; daughters, **Thelma Madhok (Pawan)** and **Cynthia Eugenio (Andy)**; 10 grandchildren (**Bess, Mark, Pol, Omar, Raymond, Jonathan, Amanda, Avni, Rishi,** and **Lilian** and 1 great-granddaughter (**Iman**). Mass was held on Saturday, April 14, 2007 at St. John The Baptist Church. Entombment at Hillside Mausoleum, Minnesota, USA.

MESSAGE OF THANKS

We, the family and relatives of the late

LEONIDA CAMERINO MARQUEZ

who joined her Creator on May 12, 2007

sincerely convey our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all those who offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers, visited and kept vigil, attended the funeral rites and condoled with us in our moment of grief.

Thank you all.

MESSAGE OF THANKS

ARTURO DUMLAO DADUFALZA

(18 September 1928 – 19 May 2007)

Our family – wife **Corazon Fortich Portuguez**, brother **Conrad**, sisters **Natividad**, **Violeta** and **Estrella de la Cruz** and other relatives – thank all of you who commiserated with us on our bereavement. Your prayers and kind words of sympathy will always be remembered.

We, the family of the late

Vicente M. Santiago, Jr.

who passed away in the Grace of our Lord on May 3, 2007 at the age of 80.

his loving wife:
Guding A. Santiago

his daughters and their spouses:
Liza & Chug Sichon; Cynthia & Al Urbano; and Jojie & Ato Yap

his sons and their spouses:
Sam & Toni Manalo; and Third & Mary Anne Tablizo

his grandchildren:
Carla, Paolo, and Amanda Sichon; Gino and Catherine Urbano; Denise, Isa and Fonz Yap; Carlo Santiago; and Therese and Anthony Santiago

his surviving sisters and brother:
Lydia Jacinto, Celsa, Lita Cordero, and Nestor

and his sisters- and brothers-in-law, nephews and nieces

wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and sincerest appreciation to all who: offered masses and prayers sent flowers, mass cards, and letters of sympathy sent donations in honor of his memory to the Pusong Pinoy Foundation of the Philippine General Hospital, visited and kept vigil, attended the funeral rites and who, in countless ways, comforted us during our time of greatest sorrow.

Please continue to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

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NFA REGIONAL MANAGERS' MEETING

NFA EXECUTIVES MEET
Key officials of the National Food Authority gather to map out strategies to complete and maximize the use of the national grains highway which was recently allocated a P2-billion fund by the agency. The grains highway is part of the government's five-year plan to attain self-sufficiency in rice and corn production. Leading the officials is NFA Administrator Jessup P. Navarro (seated, 4th from right) with deputy administrators Pedro S. Hernando, Jr. (seated, center) and Ludovico J. Jarina (seated, 3rd from right). Others in photo are (standing, from left) NFA Masbate manager Edna de Guzman, Region 9 director Miguel Wycoco, Camarines Sur manager Edmundo Enrique, Region 10 director Allan Borja, Region 12 director Ernesto Macasinag, NCR director Jose Cordero, CARAGA director Omar Kamid, Region 5 director Rogelio Macutay, Region 3 director Nicolas Crisostomo, Region 7 director Danilo Bonabon, Internal Audit Services Officer-In-Charge Romeo Jimenez, Region 4 director Efren Sabong, Region 6 director Javier Lozada, Region 11 director Antonio dela Cruz, Region 2 assistant regional director Mario Gonzalez, Region 8 director Benjamin Marta, Region 1 director Joseph dela Cruz, and assistant administrator Concepto Irigo. Seated are Rowena Terrenal, Albay provincial manager Eden Redillas, ARMM assistant director Ofelia Sero, assistant administrators Celia Z. Tan and Conrado DL. Ibanez and CorporatePlanning director Mercedes Yacapin.

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MORE THAN 2,000 JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES from Manila, Malabon, Navotas, and as far as Lubang Island in Mindoro will gather for their two-day annual Circuit Assembly at the Metro Manila Assembly Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Quirino Highway, Kaligayahan, Novaliches, Quezon City on May 26- 27, 2007.

With the theme Store Up... Treasures in Heaven, the assembly will provide practical counsel and encouragement to serve God. Topics based on the Bible and publications of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society will be discussed.

Bro. Jerson Ogoy, an overseer of the Witnesses, will deliver the public discourse How Can You Survive Jehovah's Day of Fury? The concluding talk of the assembly program is titled Where Your Treasure Is, There Your Heart Will Also Be.

All sessions are free. The program will start at 8:50 a.m.

TRUTH Verifier Systems, Inc.'s Chief Polygraphist, Beatriz S. Corpuz administers a Lie Detector (Polygraph) Test to Star Circle Quest Batch 1 finalist, Joross Gamboa, on ABS-CBN's top-rated morning show, Homeboy, hosted by Boy Adunda (standing at their right side), aired on May 8, 2007. Also seen at the back of Ms. Corpuz are Pinoy Big Brother Celebrity Edition Grand Winner, Keanna Reeves, and Pinoy Dream Academy finalist, Ronnie Liang. Truth Verifier Systems, Inc. is the first lie detector company in the Philippines and a member of American Polygraph Association. For service and sales queries, please call 634-7570 to 71 or fax 635-7569 or send e-mail to truth@mozcom.com. You may also log on to www.truthverifier.com

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                    || candidate.degree == "Equivalent"){
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                  }
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Application Schedule / Venue

A. For Metro Manila Applicants : May 28-June 01, 2007 (9-11am)

Employment Department
G/F, EHA Building
Duty Free Fiestamall
Ninoy Aquino Avenue, Parañaque City

B. For Davao City Applicants : June 04- 05, 2007 (9-11am)

Room 129
Crown Regency Hotel
J.P. Cabaguio Avenue, Agdao, Davao

Note: Davao Based Applicants may also send their resumes thru fax at **02-8793644** or e-mail to ***employment@dfp.com.ph*** *from May 28 - June 01, 2007*

COD Supervisor

(Cashiering Operations Department)

- Graduate of any four year course
- At least 2 years related supervisory experience
- Above average communication skills
- Excellent Customer-Relation Skills
- Attention to details

Department Secretary

- 21 - 30 years of age
- Graduate of any four year business course
- Above average in oral and written communication skills
- Computer literate
- Willing to do multi-tasking work

Cashiers

- 20 - 30 years of age
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- Alert and patient
- Willing to work in shifting schedule

REQUIREMENTS

Printed Resume, 1 piece 2x2 picture
Photocopy & Original of the following:
NBI Clearance (less than 1 year old)
Birth Certificate
Transcript of Records

CAREER OPPORTUNITY: **Reef Check Job Opening for Bookkeeper / Accountant**

Reef Check www.reefcheck.org is a growing organization working to help with the conservation of Reefs Worldwide.

General Description of Responsibility:

The Reef Check Accountant will be based in the Makati office and will be responsible for the financial management of an administrative system for an office staff of 10-15 full and part time staffs covering mostly Philippine work but also assist with financial systems in Indonesia and Malaysia.

The Reef Check Accountant is primarily responsible for financial management reporting of Reef Check Conservation Program Inc. He/She is responsible for the accounting of receipts, disbursements, payroll, purchasing and inventory of assets, audits etc.

Consequently, he/she handles banking transactions, government regulations, internal auditing and other relevant duties necessary to properly operate an effective financial and management reporting system.

Preferred Qualifications:

1. BS Accountancy Graduate
2. At least 5 years experience of bookkeeping / general accounting
3. Very good communication skills, results-driven and friendly disposition and can work in a team environment
4. Work experience in a non-profit organization would be a benefit
5. Ability to Multi-task and efficiently manage time to achieve deadlines
6. Excellent computer skills, literate in Microsoft Excel and preferably QuickBooks accounting software

Application Procedure:

Reef Check will receive applications from prospective candidates until June 10th, 2007 and prospective applicants will be short-listed and interviews should take place after that.

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit in confidence:

1. Covering letter with reference to the job posting;
2. Resumé detailing background and relevant experience; and
3. Names and contact information of three references to:

Program Manager, Reef Check Conservation Program
6th Floor, Salustiana D. Ty Tower
104 Paseo de Roxas
Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines

By E-mail: stuartg@reefcheck.org
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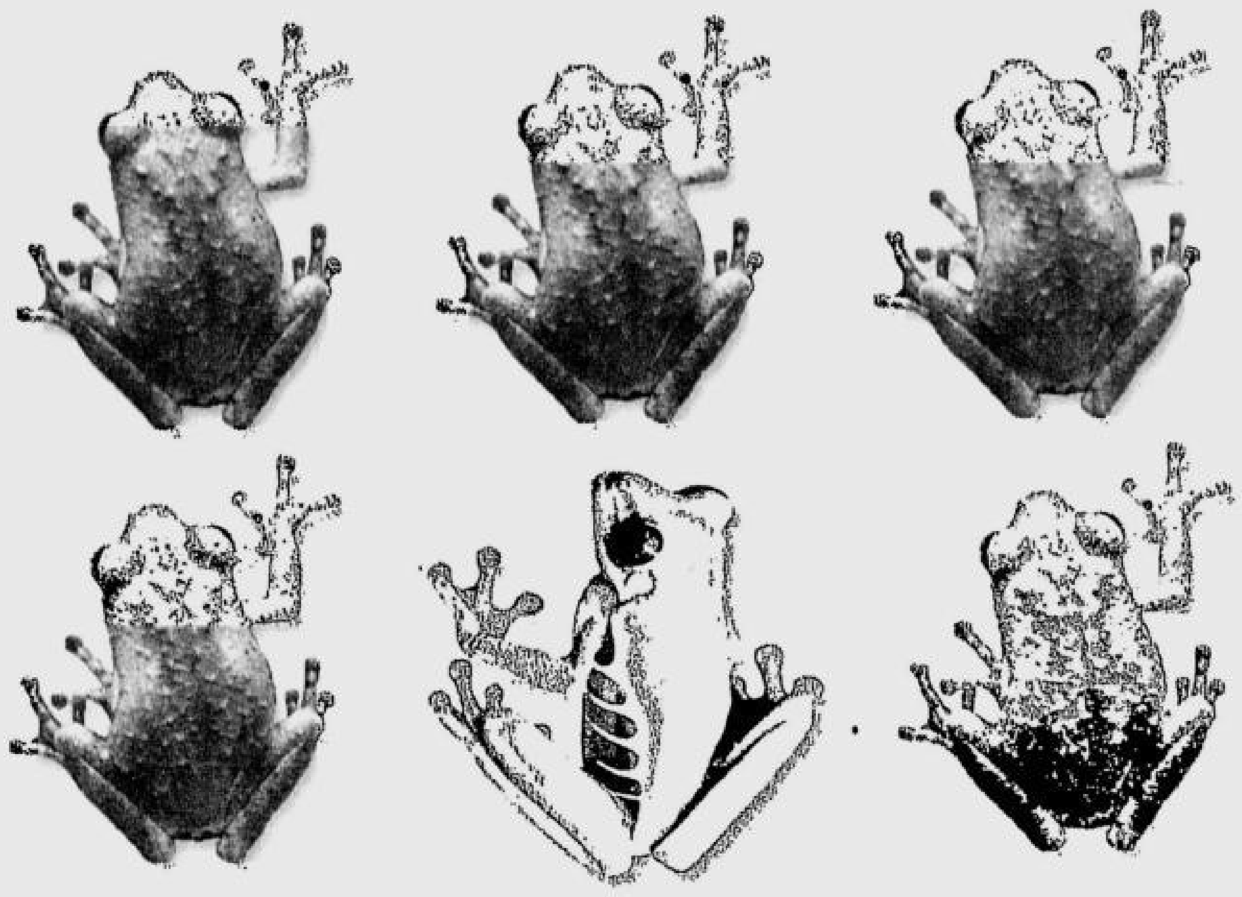

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COLLECTION REPRESENTATIVES

We are looking for college graduates who possess excellent communication skills. Experience in collection an advantage. Fresh graduates are welcome to apply. Applicants should be willing to be based in our Ortigas site.

Management Requirements

TRAINING MANAGERS

We are looking for bachelor degree graduates who have excellent communication skills. MBA degree will be an advantage. Candidates should have at least 2-3 years training management experience preferably in the call center industry. Applicants should be willing to be based in Shaw Boulevard.

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CLIENT SERVICES MANAGERS

We are looking for bachelor degree graduates who have excellent communication skills. MBA degree will be an advantage. Candidates should have at least 2-3 years client service/account management experience preferably in the call center industry.

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We are looking for bachelor degree graduates who have excellent communication skills. MBA degree will be an advantage. Candidates should have at least 3-5 years call center operation management experience.

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We are looking for bachelor degree graduates who have excellent communication skills. MBA degree will be an advantage. Candidates should have at least 3-5 years back office management experience.

For Operations requirements (except Detailing Representatives) please walk-in in any of the following addresses:

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14th Floor Union Bank Plaza,
Ortigas Center, Pasig City

Makati
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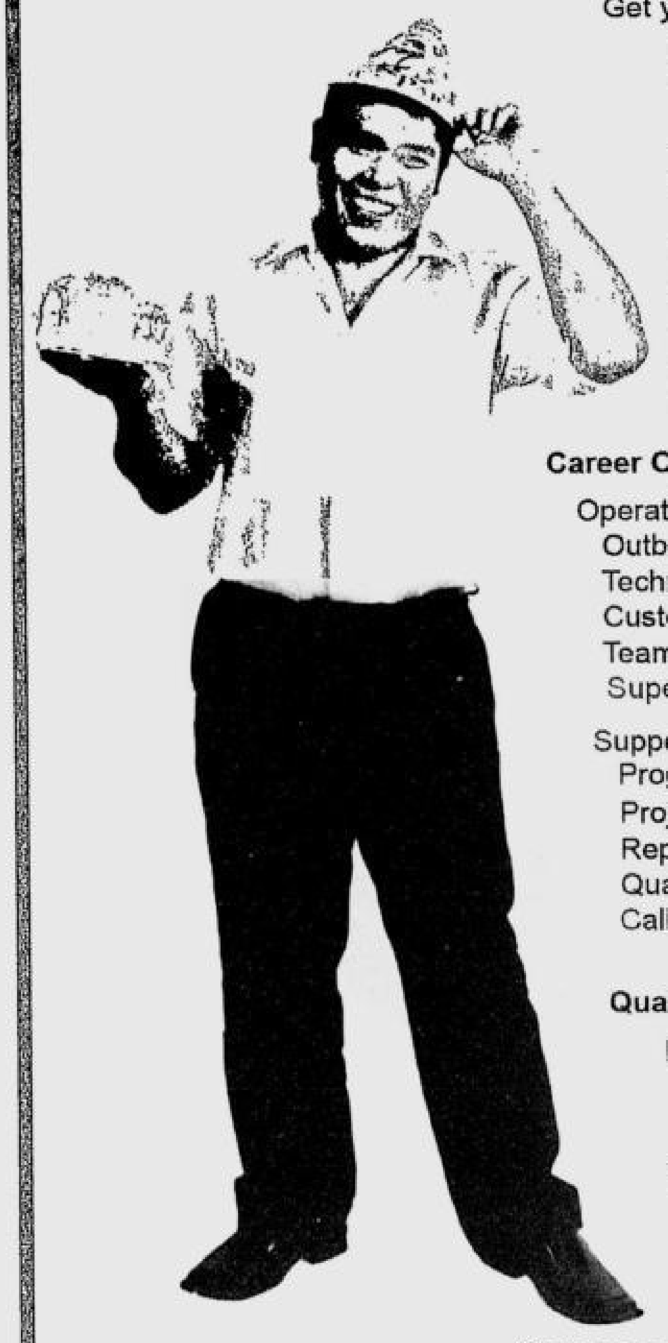

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Qualifications:

- Advanced degree in public health or an equivalent field
- Minimum 10 years of experience managing health programs in developing countries, with extensive experience in design and implementation of family planning and maternal/child health programs
- Proven track record managing large, complex donor-funded projects in challenging contexts
- Experience working on USAID-funded programs highly desired
- Strong communication skills and ability to facilitate high-level dialogue among various stakeholders
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- Proficient in computer application
- Preferably residing in Parañaque or nearby vicinity

Sales Account Officer:

- Male or Female
- College graduate, preferably business related course
- At least 2 years experience in sales, preferably in fashion related industry
- Self-starter, with an eye for spotting business opportunities and has excellent negotiation skills
- Good interpersonal skills and communicates well in both written and verbal
- Proficient in computer application
- Preferably residing in Parañaque or nearby vicinity

Marketing Coordinator/Assistant:

- Female
- College graduate, preferably business related course
- At least 2 years experience in sales or marketing
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Closing date: 9AM on 4 June 2007

BRITISH COUNCIL

CAREER OPPORTUNITY: **Reef Check Job Opening for Marine Sanctuary Specialist**

Reef Check www.reefcheck.org is a growing organization working to help with the conservation of Reefs Worldwide.

General Description of Responsibility:

Reef Check Marine Protected Area Specialist

Primary Functions:

The RC MPA Specialist will deliver technical assistance on the establishment, management, documentation, planning and monitoring of marine sanctuaries within the Philippines in a variety of Luzon, Visayas and Palawan Sites. The post will conduct considerable field work but will be based at the Makati office under a GEF project.

Preferred Qualifications:

1. BS Natural Sciences or equivalent
2. At least 5 years experience of community-based or Municipal-based CRM activities specifically focused on sanctuary establishment (or CRM related experience)
3. Advanced skills in computer applications (especially spreadsheets and wordprocessing)
4. Very good communication skills, results-driven and friendly disposition and can work in a team environment

Application Procedure:

Reef Check will receive applications from prospective candidates until June 10th, 2007 and prospective applicants will be short-listed and interviews should take place after that.

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit in confidence:

1. Covering letter with reference to the job posting;
2. Resumé detailing background and relevant experience; and
3. Names and contact information of three references to:

Program Manager, Reef Check Conservation Program
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Code: GSM 01

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- Maintain grant files including records on M&E and other quality control activities; and,
- Review and process grantee invoices and close-out completed grants.

Qualifications:

- Bachelors degree or above in Business Administration, Finance, Accounting or related field;
- 5+ years experience in grants management/administration on international development projects funded by USAID-funded or other international donor organizations (UN, World Bank, ADB);
- Strong background in management, administration, finance and/or accounting;
- General knowledge of accounting principles and procedure; and,
- Excellent communication and people skills and fluency in English (both oral and written).

Please send your application letter together with your Curriculum Vitae on or before 1 June 2007 to:

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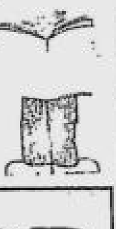

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QUALIFIED APPLICANTS ARE ASKED TO SUBMIT THEIR LETTER OF APPLICATION AND ACCOMPLISHED CURRICULUM VITAE IN EU FORMAT downloadable at www.trtaphils.org on or before 11 June by email to: MR. COLIN WILLIAMS, International Customs Risk Management Expert, colinw@operamail.com. The full Terms of Reference for the post can be found in the same website.

Demand for OFWs remains bright in Asia

THE DEMAND FOR FILIPINO PROFESSIONALS AND SKILLED workers in Asia remains bright due to the sustained economic growth in the region, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) said recently.

A report reaching Acting Labor and Employment Secretary Danilo P. Cruz said that the bustling economies of many Asian countries have sustained the construction of major infrastructures and industrial projects, resulting in the steady increase in the demand for foreign workers, including overseas Filipino workers (OFWs).

Citing a report from the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), Cruz said that Taiwan and South Korea, under the latter's Employment Permit System, both remain major destinations for Filipino factory workers.

Cruz also noted the emerging markets for foreign IT and healthcare workers in Taiwan and skilled workers in the construction and ship-building sectors in Korea. He expressed confidence that both countries would provide opportunities to OFWs to fill their manpower requirements in these sectors.

The acting secretary also enumerated the employment opportunities in Singapore, Malaysia, and Brunei. He said that the Philippine Overseas Labor Offices in these countries are exerting efforts to make employment opportunities available to OFWs.

Cruz said that Singapore meanwhile, offers bright employment prospects for hotel managers, supervisors, and skilled workers including croupiers, dealers, chambermaids, and waiters/waitresses. The island state is also in need of architects, engineers, and draftsmen for its construction projects.

There is also a rising demand for IT and related skills in Penang, Johore, and Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. At the same time, the construction, ship building and ship repair industries in Johore need skilled workers while Genting Highlands Hotels and Resorts need casino workers and entertainers.

In Brunei, industries such as oil and gas, hotels and restaurants, and construction provide employment opportunities for skilled and professional workers such as fabricators, riggers, high-pressure operators, managers, and engineers.

Language conference Talking Across the World 2 slated this May

LANGUAGE SPECIALISTS AND OUTSOURCING PROFESSIONals will gather on May 31 to June 2 for Talking Across the World 2: English Communication Skills for the ITES Industry, to be held at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel, Mandaluyong.

The three-day event, jointly organized by FuturePerfect Business English Specialists, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, the Hong Kong Institute of Education and University of Stockholm, has lined up presentations and keynote speeches in tracks such as Adult Learning in the Workplace, Assessing Language for Work Impact, Academic and Workplace Partnering, Curriculum Innovation, Intercultural Communication in Training, and Discourse Analysis.

Talking Across the World is sponsored by Yehey.com, the Philippine Daily Inquirer, Infosoft Solutions, Cambridge University Press and Official Radio Partners Jam 88.3, Wave 89.1, Magic 89.9, Hit 99.5, Heart 103.5, Killer Bee. The event is also fully endorsed by TESDA Philippines, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Tourism PCVC and the Hong Kong Call Center Association. Participant registrations are accepted through the secretariat (Patricia Bawagan, Lea Delizo or Mau Emmanuel) through 632.8426006 or 8594563, or through conference@futureperfect.com.ph. You can also visit the website, www.talkingacrosstheworld.com for more details.

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PMAP invites you and the people in your organization to join them this month in this World-Class learning experience as they hold their monthly General Membership Meeting (GMM) with the theme "The Asian Surge in the next 8-10 years: Kasama ba ang Pinoy?" featuring Tom C. Banguis, President and CEO of AB Communications, the 3rd largest Filipino owned advertising agency in the country.

This month's GMM will be held on May 30 at the Dusit Hotel Nikko from 4-6 p.m. Fees for the event are set at P 800 for PMAP members and P 900 for non-PMAP members. For further details, interested parties may contact the PMAP professional staff at telephone numbers 726-1581/88/32 or through email: pmap@pmap.org.ph.

PESOs solicit more vacancies in 2006

THE COUNTRY'S NETWORK OF PUBLIC EMployment service offices (PESOs) solicited a total of 1,658,302 job vacancies in 2006, 20.4 percent more than the vacancies the PESOs solicited in the previous year.

Labor and Employment Acting Secretary Danilo P. Cruz said that the modest increase in the number of vacancies reflected the growth of the economy in 2006.

Last year, the country's GDP posted a modest growth to 5.4 percent from 5 percent in 2005.

Cruz noted that as the economy expanded, industries generated more jobs as indicated by the increase in the number of PESO-solicited vacancies in 2006.

Active PESOs as of March 2007 totaled 1,113. These offices, most of which are located at local government units (LGUs), offer various employment facilitation services such as job referrals and counseling to jobseekers.

Citing data from the Bureau of Labor and Employment Statistics (BLES), Cruz also said that among the regions, the PESOs in the National Capital Region solicited the highest number of vacancies at 440,335. This was followed by vacancies in Calabarzon (Region 4-A) with 286,148 and Central Luzon with 224,439.

In Visayas and Mindanao, the PESOs in Central Visayas (Region 7) and Davao Region (Region 11) registered the highest number of vacancies at 100,341 and 69,560, respectively.

The Acting Secretary noted, however, that the number of applicants who registered with the PESOs in 2006 was lesser than the number of solicited vacancies. Out of the more than 1.6 million vacancies, only 1.199 million jobseekers sought the PESOs for assistance in their job search.

He lamented further that only 794,511 or 66.23 percent of the 1.199 million PESO-assisted applicants were placed.

He advised students to set their eyes on in-demand skills in their choice of a career to engage in their adulthood.

In the recently concluded National Human Resource Conference, the in-demand skills identified include the following: Geologists, and mining and metallurgical engineers in mining; waiters, tour guides, baristas, cooks, and butlers in hotels and restaurants; welders, fabricators, pipe fitters, and marine electricians in shipbuilding; marine officers, seafarers, and chefs in the maritime industry; entrepreneurs in agribusiness; doctors, nurses, massage and spa therapists in health, wellness and medical tourism; architects, engineers, welders, insulators, riggers, and heavy equipment operators and mechanics in construction; and accountants, engineers, animators, medical transcriptionists and editors, programmers, and call center agents in cyber services.

Asian Hospital annual oral and maxillofacial surgery sets

THE ASIAN HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER'S Department of Dental Medicine will conduct the 2nd Annual Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Symposium on May 31 to June 2 at the 4th floor training room of the hospital located at 2205 Civic Drive, Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang, Muntinlupa City.

The hospital has collaborated with world-renowned specialists from the University of Hong Kong who will educate participants on the latest in oral and maxillofacial surgeries, namely, Dr. Lim K. Cheung, chief professor in oral and maxillofacial surgery and associate dean in research and discovery of the Faculty of Dentistry; Dr. John Lo, assistant professor; and Hannah D. Chua, PhD candidate of the Discipline of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Aimed at the functional rehabilitation of dental patients through advanced surgeries on cleft maxillary distraction and mandibular reconstruction, the symposium will also feature a team of dental surgery experts from the Asian Hospital and Medical Center, headed by Dr. Hermogenes P. Villareal, chairman of the Department of Dental Medicine, Dr. Theodore Nicholoff, section chief of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery section (OMSS) and Dr. Xenia Velmonte, deputy chief, (OMSS) who will conduct interactive surgeries during the symposium. Among the topics to be discussed are "Advances in Stereomodel Fabrication," "Application of Piezo Technology in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery," "Vascularized Flaps in Maxillofacial Reconstruction,"and "Management of Craniofacial Fibrous Dysplasia."

For inquiries and reservation, please call marketing officer Rochelle Cordova at 771-9000 to 02 local 8066, fax 876-5761, or email rcordova@asianhospital.com or get in touch with symposium coordinator, Dr. Xenia Velmonte at 0917-8935955. Pre-registration is required.

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THE PEOPLE MANAGEMENT ASSSOCIATION OF THE PHILS. (PMAP) HAS EXCLUsively partnered with Watson Wyatt Phils., Inc, the country's leading Human Resource consulting firm focused on the development of integrated human capital and financial management solutions in conducting a special Compensation and Benefit Survey for the PMAP membership in its commitment to become the thought leader in the practice of people management. The agreement was signed recently during the monthly General Meeting of PMAP. Shown are(from left):, Serely Alcaraz, PMAP Director, Ric Abadesco, PMAP - VP, James Matti, Watson Wyatt Managing Consultant and Stella Garcia, Watson Wyatt Director and Human Capital Group (HCG) Practice Leader. Standing behind are Patrick Marquina, Watson Wyatt Data Services Manager and Ging Igual, Watson Wyatt Growth Leader.

PALSCON IN PURSUIT TO SAFE, SECURED AND HEALTHY WORKPLACE-Environment. The Philippine Association of Local Service Contractors has invited Hon. Chair Richard J. Gordon of the Philippine National Red Cross as the Keynote Speaker on May 17, during its general membership meeting which was held at New Horizon Hotel, Boni Ave., Mandaluyong. Photo shown (at the center) Chair Richard J. Gordon ; (at his left) Rafael S. Chico – the Acting President and Vice President of PALSCON and with them the officers and some members of PALSCON.

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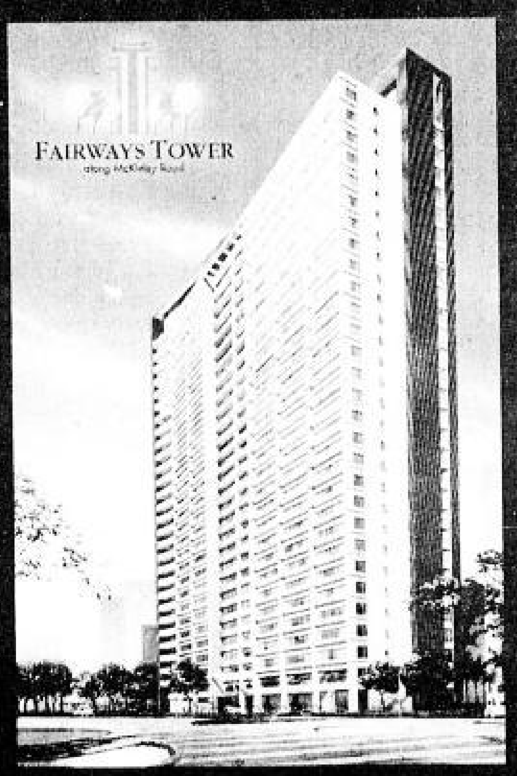

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ESSS – METRO MANILA FIELD COORDINATOR

(CODE: ESSS – MM FC)
BASED IN MAGALLANES OFFICE. PROJECT SITES IN TAGUIG AND PATEROS

Under the supervision of the Early Childhood Development (ECD) Technical Coordinator of the Metro Manila Program Office (MMPO), the person will be responsible for program implementation of ESSS in Taguig and Pateros

1. Mobilize and organize community ECD stakeholders and partners who will provide a continuum of services for children and parents in every stage of development:
   a. Strong beginnings: pregnancy through 12 months
   b. First steps to school success: 12 through 36 months
   c. Stepping up to school success: 36 through 60 months
   d. Stepping forward in school: school-age children
2. Coordinate training/workshops for ECD service providers and partners who will be involved in the above stages of development.
3. Link with and strengthen involvement of existing community structures like local councils for the protection of children, NGOs/POs, etc.
4. Document program experiences and prepare regular accomplishment and monitoring reports

Competencies and Qualification Requirements: (in addition to Core Competencies)
At least three years' experience in community mobilization/community development work in an urban poor setting; training or experience in ECD programs an advantage; skilled in training/workshop facilitation, progress monitoring and documentation

ESSS – MINDANAO NATIONAL

EARLY CHILDHOOD HEALTH SPECIALIST
(CODE: ESSS – MIN ECH SPCLST)
BASED IN KORONADAL.
FREQUENT TRAVEL TO METROMANILA (MM) & SOUTH COTABATO (SO CO) PROJECT SITES

Key Areas of Responsibility
Technical supervision of maternal, infant and child health project components of the ESSS project to be implemented in Metro Manila and South Cotabato project areas.

1. Provide technical inputs for decision-making related to health interventions for the following stages:
   a. Strong beginnings: pregnancy through 12 months
   b. First steps to school success: 12 through 36 months
   c. Stepping up to school success: 36 through 60 months
   d. Stepping forward in school: school-age children
2. Coordinate with ESSS staff and program coordinators in MM and South Cotabato to ensure integration of health and education programs
   a. Ensure smooth program/project implementation while engaging stakeholder involvement
   b. Design and facilitate training/workshops for program partners and key stakeholders
3. Document program experiences and prepare report for funding agencies and Save the Children
4. Establish and maintain active working relationships with partners in government, local government units, NGO networks, etc.

Competencies and Qualification Requirements: (in addition to Core Competencies)
At least 5 years' experience in maternal and child health-related program implementation/ management; education or training in the health field preferred; skilled in training design and facilitation; good oral and written communication skills in English, Filipino and Visayan languages; field experience in urban and rural poor communities an advantage

ESSS – MINDANAO TECHNICAL COORDINATOR

(CODE: ESSS – MIN TC)
BASED IN KORONADAL. PROJECT SITES IN LAKE SEBU, SOUTH COTABATO

Key Areas of Responsibility
Work with the National Early Childhood Development (ECD) Specialist and the Education Manager for the program implementation of ESSS in Lake Sebu, South Cotabato.

1. Ensure the on-time and on-target implementation of project interventions in the selected project sites in Lake Sebu municipality
2. Closely coordinate and work with ESSS project team members for efficient and effective delivery of project components
3. Design and facilitate training/workshops for ECD service providers and partners who will be involved in the various stages of development.
4. Establish and maintain active working relationships with partners in key government agencies, local government units, NGO networks, and other relevant partners.
5. Provide technical inputs for decision-making related to the provision of continuum of services for children and parents in the following stages of development:
   a. Strong beginnings: pregnancy through 12 months
   b. First steps to school success: 12 through 36 months
   c. Stepping up to school success: 36 through 60 months
   d. Stepping forward in school: school-age children
6. Gather and review available ECD materials for each stage of development and recommend age-developmentally and culturally-appropriate curriculum for 0-8 year olds
7. Document program experiences and prepare report for funding agencies and PhCO management.

Competencies and Qualification Requirements: (in addition to Core Competencies)
At least three years' experience in ECD/education project implementation/management; skilled in community mobilization, advocacy and networking with LGUs, training/workshop facilitation, progress monitoring and documentation; has field experience in rural poor communities in Mindanao; field experience in Lake Sebu, South Cotabato, or in working with indigenous communities in Mindanao, an advantage;

Save-University Partnership for Education Research (SUPER)

Building a stakeholder-defined quality assessment tool on Early Childhood Development

The Save University Partnership for Education Research (SUPER) is a six-month engagement with the University of Minnesota researcher to develop stakeholder-defined quality Early Childhood assessment tools in two areas of Metro Manila and West Visayas.

SUPER –RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

(CODES: SUPER – MM RA FOR METRO MANILA OR WV RA FOR WEST VISAYAS)
6 MONTH PROJECT: JUNE – NOVEMBER 2007

Key Areas of Responsibility
Conduct research and document results in the development of stakeholder-defined quality Early Childhood Development assessment tools

1. Organize Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) with parents, daycare workers, KBA facilitators, DSWD Officers, Cluster Coordinators, Council members/officers and other community ECD stakeholders in coordination with ECD Technical Coordinators of the Metro Manila and West Visayas Program Offices
2. Conduct orientation for each FGD group about the nature of the research.
3. Facilitate FGDs and conduct Story Tech method under the supervision of the SUPER Researcher
4. Act as a translator for SUPER researcher during community meetings and FGDs.
5. Transcribe and translate FGD and Story Tech results for each FGD group.
6. Write a documentation of the research processes undertaken.
7. Assist in data analysis.

Metro Manila Program Office

METRO MANILA – PROGRAM COORDINATOR

(CODES: MM - PC)

Key Areas of Responsibility
Responsible for generating and causing partners' and stakeholders' support and cooperation as well as participation in the planning and execution of program interventions/activities. Shall facilitate the formulation of implementation arrangements as well as sustainability mechanisms for the different program components;

1. Develop quality plans that integrates all sub sector initiatives;
2. Ensure smooth program/project implementation;
3. Ensure compliance to significant benefit commitments of Metro Manila;
4. Develop ways and means of strengthening appreciative community mobilization and advocacy efforts for all program/project sites; and
5. Plan and carry out systematic monitoring and evaluation plans
6. Prepare and submit reports – progress, quarterly, annual, etc.

Competencies and Qualification Requirements: (in addition to Core Competencies)

- Knowledge of general program approaches and strategies employed by SC in program implementation, such as, but not limited to: Appreciative Community Mobilization, Behavior-Centered Programming; Experienced based Advocacy.
- Conceptualize and communicate clearly and concisely in verbal and written communication;
- Work cooperatively in a team;
- Use computer and other basic equipment that may help in facilitating efficiently his/her work;
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The PELMAT Project funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and implemented by the Department of Energy (DOE) is in search of qualified candidates for the post of Task Specialist for Policy and Environmental Management (TS-PEM), Information Technology Specialist (IT) and Science Research Specialist (SRS) to be based at the DOE Office in Taguig City.

The PELMATP is intended to address the barriers to widespread utilization of energy efficient lighting (EEL) systems in the Philippines.

1. Policy and Environmental Management Specialist. Initial duration of employment is one (1) year, but may be extended based on performance directly supervised by Project Director.

Duties and Responsibilities
The Policy and Environmental Management Specialist 1shall be responsible in providing technical inputs, as well as administrative, to the PMO on various activities of the project specifically on the aspects of policies and environmental management. He/she will coordinate logistics, monitor the conduct of the activities according to specified/agreed timetable, evaluate the outputs and outcomes of the activities, and provide recommendations to address the activity level for the following components of PELMATP:

- EEL Policies, Standards and Guidelines Enhancement Program (Component 1) and
- EEL Systems Waste Management Assistance Program (Component 5).

He/she shall assist the Project Manager in formulating strategies towards the institutionalization and long-term sustainability of the above-mentioned PELMATP Project components. He/she shall also be responsible for ensuring adherence to the prescribed management criteria (e.g., approved terms of reference, contractual obligations, quality control, etc) is followed in the execution of the activities under the above-cited project components. He/she will also be responsible in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of these activities according to prescribed procedures. Specific activities include the following

- Regular reporting to Project Manager on the status of project activities vis-à-vis target outputs;
- Synthesis of the activities and outputs of consultants and subcontractors involved in the said Project Components;
- Provision of assistance in management of project risks;
- Provision of technical inputs during the conduct of annual advisory group meetings and the quarterly TWG meetings and in the preparation of quarterly financial/project progress reports, and,
- Provision of technical inputs in the preparation of annual project report/project implementation review (APR/PIR) reports and others as required by the UNDP

The Specialist will also undertake various administrative activities that may be deemed necessary in the expedient performance of his/her duties and responsibilities under the PELMATP Project.

Qualification and Experience

- Bachelors Degree in engineering, public administration, business management, environmental science and economics, preferably with Masters Degree in of the same or any other relevant field.
- Minimum 5 years experience in energy policy making and planning (including environmental management) and energy efficient technologies, particularly efficient lighting systems.
- Proven track record in project management such as in meeting deadlines, timely submission of acceptable deliverables, etc.;
- Excellent English communication skills, both written and verbal;
- With good appreciation of and strong links with relevant sectors in the lighting industry; and
- With satisfactory skills on the use of office software packages such as MS Word, Excel and Power Point.

2. Information Technology Specialist. Initial duration of employment is one (1) year, but may be extended based on performance; directly supervised by Project Director.

Duties and Responsibilities
The PMO IT Specialist shall be responsible for the management and maintenance of Project's database system and website. He or she will coordinate logistics, monitoring the conduct of the activities according to specified/agreed timetable and provide recommendations to better the collection of information/data/reports from PELMATP activities. Specifically, he/she will be responsible to undertake the following tasks:

- Design and maintains the Project Work Plan and Budget (Project Information Management) software;
- Coordinates data management and collection of project information from different PELMATP activities;
- Manages and maintains PELMATP database and website and orients staff on their use;
- Reports regularly to the Project Manager on the status of project activities vis-à-vis target outputs;
- Provides administrative and technical inputs in the preparation of project reports; and
- Assist in the design of information, education and communication materials for Component 3-EEL Application Consumer Awareness Program of PELMATP.

Qualification and Experience

- Bachelors Degree in information technology, computer management or computer engineering from a reputable school;
- Minimum 1 year experience in information technology and/or computer systems and software management, preferably with good knowledge of LINUX MICROSOFT, and other Project Management/Information Systems software;
- Excellent English communication skills, both written and verbal;
- With satisfactory skills on the use of office software packages such as MS Word, Excel and Power Point.

3. Science Research Specialist. Initial duration of employment is one (1) year, but may be extended based on performance; directly supervised by Project Director.

Duties and Responsibilities
The Science Research Specialist shall be hired to provide necessary administrative and technical support to the operations of Lighting and Appliances Testing Laboratory, particularly in the aspects of EEL systems testing as prescribed in Component 2 – EEL Application Institutional and Technical Capacity Development of PELMATP.

The PMO Science Research Specialists shall have the following tasks:

- Receive, schedule, track and dispose test samples;
- Assist in the preparation of laboratory test reports;
- Assist in the updating and implementation of the laboratory's quality system;
- Assist in the operation and maintenance of testing facilities;
- Assist in the conduct of research/study/information dissemination, preparation of reports related to energy efficiency improvements of lighting;
- Assist in data gathering/information of energy standards compliance for various lighting products;
- Handle the collection and remittance of testing fees, and
- Prepare/submit accomplishment reports.

Qualification/Experience

- Bachelors Degree in engineering, preferably an Electrical Engineering graduate;
- Relevant work experience is an advantage;
- With satisfactory skills on the use of office software packages such as MS Word and Excel; and
- Good interpersonal and communication skills.

All application letters and comprehensive resumes should reach our office on or before June 1, 2007. Address applications to the PELMATP Project, Human Resource Department, Department of Energy, Energy Center, Merrit Road, Taguig, Metro Manila.

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- Team player, highly organized, hardworking and flexible

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In the Philippines, the Save the Children Philippines Country Office has been working for nearly 25 years. Programs and project operations now include West Visayas (Iloilo, Guimaras, and Antique), Metro Manila (Parañaque, Taguig and Las Piñas), the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) and parts of Central and Western Mindanao. Save the Children Philippines Country Office activities include: SPONSORSHIP programs; EDUCATION - Early Child Development, Elementary and Secondary Education; HEALTH, POPULATION & NUTRITION, and CHILDREN IN EMERGENCY and CRISIS Using cross cutting strategies of Appreciative Community Mobilization, Experience-based Advocacy, and Behavior-centered Programming. **Save the Children is searching for qualified candidates for the**

Starting team of the:
Mindanao Sponsorship Program Office

Based in Koronadal General Santos
(May be required periodic travel to target communities / impact areas)

Team Leader – (Code: Min TL)

Key Areas of Responsibility
1. As a key officer in the start-up team, work on the effective implementation of the start up:
   a. Defining programmatic needs of target communities
   b. Engaging with potential local partners and communities for increasing level of interest and collaboration with SC and their capacity to work with us
   c. Conducting new Impact Area baseline study / gather baseline data for results indicators
   d. Selecting children for sponsorship and collecting case histories; assigning sponsors
2. Overall coordination and integration of operations, supervising Program Coordinator(s) for quality and efficient delivery of programs/projects, and doing hands-on program coordination work in assigned areas during the start-up.
3. Direct Program Office under direction/in the absence of the Deputy Program Manager

Competencies and Qualification Requirements: (in addition to Core Competencies and Program Coordinator's)
- Positive leadership skills
- Can take on the functions of a Deputy Program Manager

Program Coordinator – (Code: Min PC)

Key Areas of Responsibility
1. Participate in all aspects of the approved phase-over plan implementation within the program management and integration role; for the particular area to which assigned:
   - Lead in community mobilization responding to problems as they arise
   - Develop and implement ways of strengthening appreciative community mobilization and advocacy; including initiating linkages with different NGO, community, private sector
   - Ensure smooth program/project implementation while engaging stakeholder involvement
   - Ensure compliance to significant benefit commitments of assigned area
   - Initiates linkages with different organizations (government, non-government, private sector) toward building a strong community support network
   - Serves as liaison between technical coordinators and community volunteers and stakeholders for effective program delivery
2. Provide support to Sponsorship in donor servicing and ensuring child/parent participation and tracking of benefit coverage

Competencies and Qualification Requirements:
- Excellent mobilization, networking and advocacy skills
- Knowledge of general program approaches and strategies employed by SC in program implementation, such as, but not limited to: Appreciative Community Mobilization, Behavior-Centered Programming; Experienced based Advocacy.
- Ability to conceptualize and communicate clearly and concisely both in verbal and written communication;
- Ability to work cooperatively in a team;
- Ability to use computer and other basic equipment for improved work efficiency
- Ability to utilize resources effectively.

Sponsorship Assistant – (Code: Min SA)

Key Areas of Responsibility
1. Participate in all aspects of the approved phase-over plan implementation for sponsorship-related work during start-up: case history collection, entry of approved descriptions and collected case histories, sponsor transfers, orientation of communities on sponsorship, and the initialization and readiness of systems for child-sponsor correspondence.
2. On a subsequent stage, responsible for the providing basic sponsor servicing, correspondence, participating in and preparing reports for the Annual Family Update (AFU) and the mid-term eligibility check and the Third Annual Mailing (TAM), the Fourth Annual Mailing (FAM), child inventory, and sponsor visits when the time comes, under the guidance and supervision of the Deputy Program Manager of the Mindanao Sponsorship Program and the assigned Sponsorship Program Coordinator for technical guidance.

Competencies and Qualification Requirements:
- Concern for accuracy, Respect for confidentiality, basic computer skills, scheduling and monitoring, written communication skills

Database Coordinator – (Code: Min DC)

Key Areas of Responsibility
- Build and maintain database of Mindanao Sponsorship Program requirements guided through technical assistance of IT and support officers from National Office and other program offices

Competencies and Qualification Requirements:
- Proficient computer skills

Finance Officer – (Code: Min FO)

Key Areas of Responsibility
- Reporting directly to the Deputy Country Director for Finance and Administration (National Office) and the Mindanao Sponsorship Program head, responsible for ensuring that the Mindanao Program Office effectively meets the financial and management standards and reporting requirements of Save the Children
- Ensures that support services needed by the Program office are efficient and delivered on time within office policies and guidelines including but not limited to purchasing and inventory control, office management in general (e.g. maintenance and building administration, mailing and communications), fleet management, property management (e.g. insurance coverage) and providing basic human resources functions such as benefits administration
- Responsible for supervising the work of the Admin Assistant and Driver
- Lead preparation of special event hosting for national / international purposes

Competencies and Qualification Requirements:
- Administrative skills, Financial management skills, Positive leadership skills, Positive work attitude, Maintaining Confidentiality, Time management, Interpersonal skills

Administrative Assistant – (Code: Min AA)

Key Areas of Responsibility
- Under the supervision of the Finance Officer, provides all administrative support services needed by the Program office covering but not limited to purchasing and inventory control, office management in general (e.g. maintenance and building administration, mailing and communications), fleet management, property management (e.g. insurance coverage) and providing other administrative support to field staff and basic human resources functions such as benefits administration

Competencies and Qualification Requirements:
- Administrative skills, Computer skills, Positive work attitude, Maintaining Confidentiality, Time management, Interpersonal skills

Driver – (Code: Min Driver)

Competencies and Qualification Requirements:
- Professional driver's license, Familiarity with the road network and geography of the area, basic understanding of vehicle maintenance and upkeep; Administrative skills, Security policies of Save the Children, Ease in basic communication with various parties – staff, community volunteers, government, donors, etc. - local and international, Positive work attitude, Maintaining Confidentiality, Time management

Core Competencies: Accountability, Integrity, Development Orientation, Child-centeredness, Teamwork, Transparency, Passion for Excellence, and Results Orientation.

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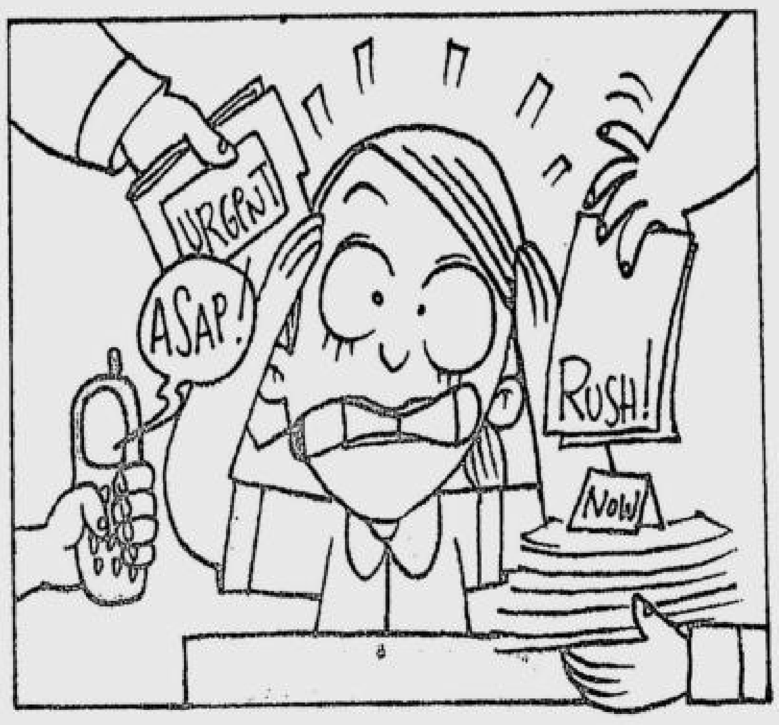
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I AM AN ADMIN STAFF AND report directly to at least three bosses. In addition to them, their own bosses are also my bosses. I'm stressed and harassed doing the tasks of these bosses, all of whom are always on an urgent mode. My company prides itself on being a lean-and-mean organization. Everyone is stretched to the max doing multiple tasks. I go home not earlier than 8 p.m. most days. There is just so much to be done. I am also a wife and mother to two children whom I neglect to supervise in their studies because I feel so tired when I get home from work. But, I don't like to resign from my job because I'm already 42 years old and it is difficult to get a job at my age. Also, my pay and benefits are quite OK, and I like the company I've been working for these past five years.

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Josie O. Santamaria

By just reading your letter, I can feel your physical and emotional fatigue due to serving many bosses, all of whom give you urgent tasks to do.

I cannot advise you to manage your time because you have no power to do so. Your bosses control your time. You can, however, manage yourself, i.e. your reactions to your bosses. You can choose to be assertive or to be non-assertive. In the latter, you continue to accept all the tasks given to you, and doing them with the attitude of a martyr. The consequence of this is that your physical, mental and emotional health suffers. Your relationship with your family suffers, too. You feel guilty about your negligence of your family. You dislike and eventually hate yourself. Your other option is to be assertive, not aggressive.

There are five assertive ways you can do to avoid or minimize stress that will damage your physical, mental and emotional health, and erode your self-esteem as well:

First: List down the tasks given to you by your bosses and ask them to prioritize them for you. The traditional way of prioritizing tasks consists of the following:

A. Important and urgent tasks

B. Important but not urgent tasks

C. Not important but urgent tasks

D. Not important and not urgent tasks

When a boss calls you or comes to you to give you a task, respectfully ask them to put it into the appropriate column. In this way, they know how loaded you are with the A tasks. If there are a number of A tasks, ask your bosses to prioritize them into A1, A2, A3, A4, and so on.

Second: Do take your breaks: 15 minutes mid-morning, 1 hour for lunch and 15 minutes mid-afternoon. Put a sign on your desk that says: Break time or Lunch time. Get out of your work area during break time. Take your lunch out of the office so you have a change of scenery. The break will be good for your physical, mental and emotional health.

Third: Ask your boss if you can work on the tasks they have given you only until 7 p.m. because you have to go home to take care of the needs of your own children.

Fourth: Make a record of the length of time it takes you to do a task so that you can give this information to your bosses if they give you tasks to be done.

Fifth: Monitor and record the tasks you do for the day. I suggest a chart like the one below that you can easily fill out and is visible to you and to your bosses.***See table below.***

Keeping a chart like this one will serve as a feedback to your bosses and gives you a sense of accomplishment.

Do not assume that if you are assertive, your bosses will be angry at you. Think positive: assume that they will be reasonable; that they will understand that you have family obligations, too; and that you have your own personal needs, such as need to rest and relax (in order to recharge you), need to socialize, etc.

There are employees who accept all the tasks given to them but criticize or bad mouth the people who give them these tasks. This is not good for your professional image; neither for your soul. Exhausted and stressed employees become ineffective; they may accomplish the tasks given to them but they become irritable and impatient with their peers, with employees of lower status and even with external customers.

I'm not in favor of you working late in the office or doing work on Saturday unless urgently needed. To do so will affect the quality of your life. You may not have work-life balance but at least give yourself a break for you are a human being with basic needs to satisfy and values to actualize. God bless you.

(The author is a management consultant, coach and counselor, and president of Career Systems Inc., a management, organization and human resource development company. Feedback at josantamaria@careersystems.com.ph)

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A3	Call up Mr. Ganzon of ABC Corp.	DSU	5 mins.	9:25 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	Done

Gospel. John 14:15-26

The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that (I) told you.

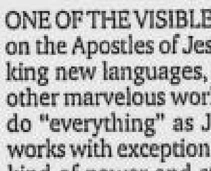
Power of the Spirit

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

ONE OF THE VISIBLE EFFECTS OF THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT on the Apostles of Jesus was their ability to do new things such as speaking new languages, curing the sick, preaching a new faith, and many other marvelous works. The Spirit seemed to have empowered them to do "everything" as Jesus promised them. They also performed their works with exceptional zeal and dedication, making others wonder what kind of power and strength they posses that they could work in such manner and could also accomplish so much. Theirs could be a case for managers or even ordinary workers to analyze and learn from and apply in the workplace.

Managers could review the kind of motivations they inspire their workers with or re-examine the type of incentives they dangle in front of them in order to attain greater profit for the company and greater welfare for everyone. While material, financial or other earthly reasons could drive the person to work, it is commonly observed that these would not sufficiently satisfy all of the person's needs. Management should therefore provide everyone in the workplace with opportunities or concrete activities that could "teach" everyone the realities in the realms of each one's faith, which in turn will spiritually push and sustain one in his work with greater efficiency and productivity.

The ordinary workers too, could open their minds and hearts to spiritual thoughts and insights which are offered to them or which they themselves discover in their own reflection and/or prayer, thus, allowing the Spirit to work out through them and in them His power to transform the usual routine of work to a fully satisfying experience. *(E-mail the author at mfvg@skyinet.net)*



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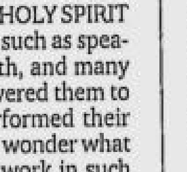


A climate of love

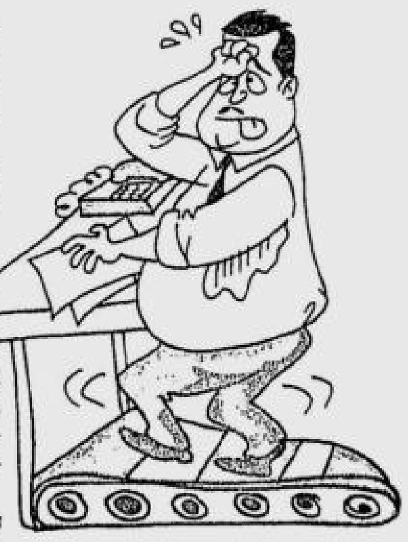
By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

THERE ARE CORRUPT AND INEFFICIENT WORKERS EVERYWHERE—private or government offices—but for some reason they seem to surface more in the latter. You are given the run around whether you are following up papers or filing a complaint, whatever you're doing with them seems to cost something. Things just won't move if there's no "grease," so that we are tempted to think we're a hopeless case.

Not when we have "fighting spirit." Jesus in today's Gospel gives something of a farewell speech, and it's a beautiful promise that can empower those who believe in it. We are not a hopeless case. We fall, we forgive, we forget, and we move on in faith, trusting in the promise of the Master: that the holy Spirit that the Father will send in His name will teach us everything and remind us of all that He has told us. Yes, we can overcome, if we all work for that time when our workplaces will be productive, efficient and honorable; when "red tape" will be scratched out of our vocabulary; when there will be no more need to buy or sell votes; when the rich will give to the poor with no strings attached and the poor will not envy nor take advantage of the moneyed. But there has to be love.

And that is what's lacking in many workplaces. Love is the climate in which the holy Spirit will thrive. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments ... and I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always..." Keeping His commandments in our places of work, we are guided by a holy Spirit residing in the very center of our hearts. *(E-mail the author at teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com)*

Desk with a treadmill, anyone?



WASHINGTON—THINK work feels like a treadmill now? Try a new desk designed at the Mayo Clinic.

They built what they called a "vertical workstation"—a desk fitted over a standard treadmill. They persuaded 15 obese people to work at this treadmill-desk and measured how many calories they burned.

If an overweight office worker used this vertical workstation all day, every day for a year, he or she could lose up to 66 pounds (30 kg), the researchers report in the British Journal of Sports Medicine.

James Levine and Jennifer Miller measured how many calories their 15 volunteers burned using exhaled breath but did not determine if the volunteers lost weight.

On average, their overweight volunteers burned 100 calories more every hour while walking slowly—at 1 mile per hour (1,6 km per hour)—than while sitting in a chair.

"If obese individuals were to replace time spent sitting at the computer with walking computer time by two to three hours a day, and if other components of energy balance were constant, a weight loss of 20 to 30 kg a year could occur," the researchers wrote.

The researchers said their desk costs approximately $1,600.

"With population body weight, workplace sedentariness and health care costs projected to increase, interventions that allow people to work and yet be active could help reverse obesity," they concluded.

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Study shows workers lose time in useless browsing

LONDON—TWO OUT OF three British web users lose significant portions of their time to irrelevant web browsing, a study said on Tuesday.

Workers confronted with the almost unlimited pool of online information become distracted and begin "wilfing, short for What Was I Looking For?"

Wilfers lose two working days a month to aimless browsing, with men being the worst offenders, the study said. Shopping sites are the most distracting.

In addition to the time and money apparently being lost by UK businesses, the YouGov poll of more than 2,400 people reports other problems.

A third of men quizzed said wilfing through tempting adult entertainment sites had damaged relationships with their partners.

Jason Lloyd, from price comparison website moneysupermarket.com, which commissioned the research, said: Although people log on with a purpose, they are now being offered so much choice and online distraction that many forget what they are there for, and spend hours aimlessly wilfing instead.

It's important people do not allow unnecessary online distractions to get in the way when surfing the Internet, as it can affect productivity in the workplace and relationships at home.

Reuters

Workers cooperatives contribute over P200M for social benefits

IN TODAY'S ECONOMY, businesses have resorted to their core competencies to remain competitive. As a natural consequence, the hiring of contingent and temporary workers became a necessity. However, these workers find stable livelihood, better income, and regular employee benefits elusive to them.

Even employment agencies could not provide these kinds of benefits since the workers are employed only on a short-term basis.

These factors led to the emergence of multipurpose cooperatives of self-employed and nonregular workers (and professionals) in the Philippine business setting. Some of these nonregular workers have joined together and established cooperatives as a form of self-help programs. Their objective is to organize themselves to provide a mechanism for their own protection and have more benefits for themselves. One example is Asiapro Cooperative.

Asiapro pioneered the organization of a non-organized sector of labor, which is the nonregular workers in the Philippines. Asiapro is a multipurpose cooperative that takes care of assigning its members in service engagements with cooperating companies. Under the Asiapro model, worker-members organize themselves and form a cooperative society. In this setup, members enjoy the status of a self-employed worker. They become co-owners of the cooperative and they engage in contractual assignments with the cooperative serving as the contracting party.

Asiapro provides a source of job contracting/subcontracting services to various companies. It looks after its members and ensures that they get equitable rewards as members and co-owners of their own enterprise.

Earnings of members for their work contribution to the cooperative are at par if not better than their counterparts in the market. Unlike typical contractual workers, members enjoy standard worker benefits, as well as additional benefits such as life and accident insurance, hospitalization, savings and loan program, and provident plan. As co-owners of the enterprise, they have the opportunity to share whatever success the cooperative will reap in the future such as in terms of dividends and surplus sharing.

Membership with workers cooperatives ensures access to various benefits and other livelihood services. Coop members are able to enjoy social benefits that are usually granted to regular workers because like their regular counterparts, they are also able to remit to the government.

Asiapro is also a member of the Philippine Association of Self-Employed Workers Cooperatives (Co-opworks!) Inc., a group of workers cooperatives.

Co-opworks is constantly looking for ways on how the organization can contribute further to the development, not only of its members, but also to the business community, the government and its appropriate agencies.

For 2006, the group has collectively contributed a total of P139 million for the Social Security System, P32 million for PhilHealth and P39 million for Pag-IBIG. All in all, this amounts to P211 million in remittances made for 2006 alone.

The figures account for only a total of 24, 131 coop members. Of the entire workforce of 35 million, an estimate of around 8-10 million belongs to the nonregular or informal sector.

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Sweet, silent music

By Ruth Navarro

WILLIAM finds a way to express himself.

WHEN WILLIAM Allan Pendriña was a baby, he did not make any noise. He would only cry when he was hungry or needed something. At three, he still couldn't speak a word. His parents took him to a doctor, and they found out that he had "severe to profound deafness".

William couldn't hear anything, not even when he was standing close to sounds as loud as jackhammers drilling roads. Adults would communicate to him through improvised sign language.

"Sometimes when I couldn't understand what he was trying to say, he would start to cry," his mother Aleni said.

Fourteen-year-old William now studies at Pag-ibig at Pag-asa School in San Pablo, Laguna. The school is dedicated to special children and kids with deficiencies in hearing or eyesight.

Last year, the school decided to assemble a rondalla. A rondalla is a group of musicians who play stringed instruments like the bandurria, octavina and guitars.

William's group is composed of 27 kids. Twenty five of their members are hearing impaired, the remaining two are blind.

"Make no mistake, teaching music to those who can't hear is not easy," says teacher Lina Mercado. "But once you hear them play a piece, it's a wonderful feeling!"

William plays the bandurria. The first thing he had to learn was to properly hold the instrument. Then he was taught how to read notes. As soon as he mastered matching the notes with the movement of his fingers, he was given a piece to play with the group.

Since their rondalla is just starting, they've only performed in their school. They've memorized classic Filipino folk songs like "Paru-Parong Bukid" and "Magandang Araw." Last Christmas, they had a mini concert where they performed Christmas songs like "Silent Night" and "Jingle Bells."

"I enjoy my music because I can feel the beat," says William in sign language. He says that he would rather attend rondalla practices than play video games.

When asked where he would like to perform, William confessed, "I want to be in TV someday so that people could hear me".

Perhaps someday he will be given that chance. And when that happens, he'll be talking to a lot of people not through words, but through music.

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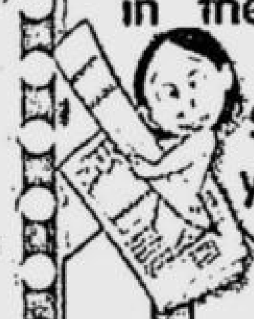

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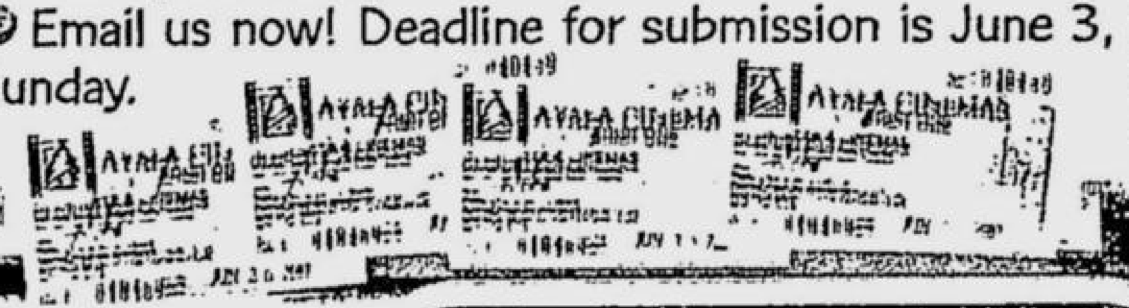

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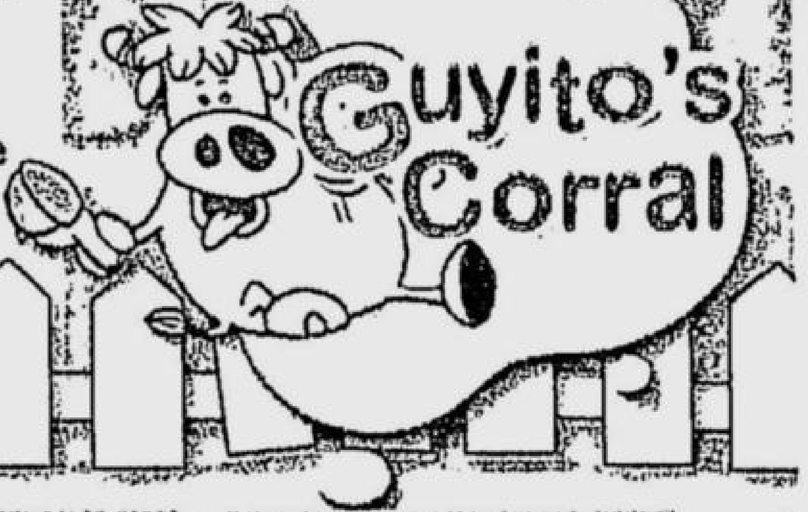

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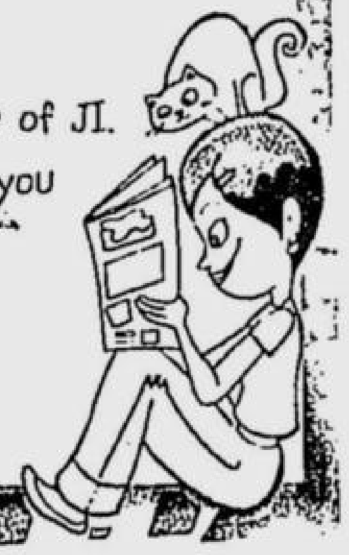

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Wassup World?

Sanlucar De Barrameda, SPAIN

Day for pilgrims

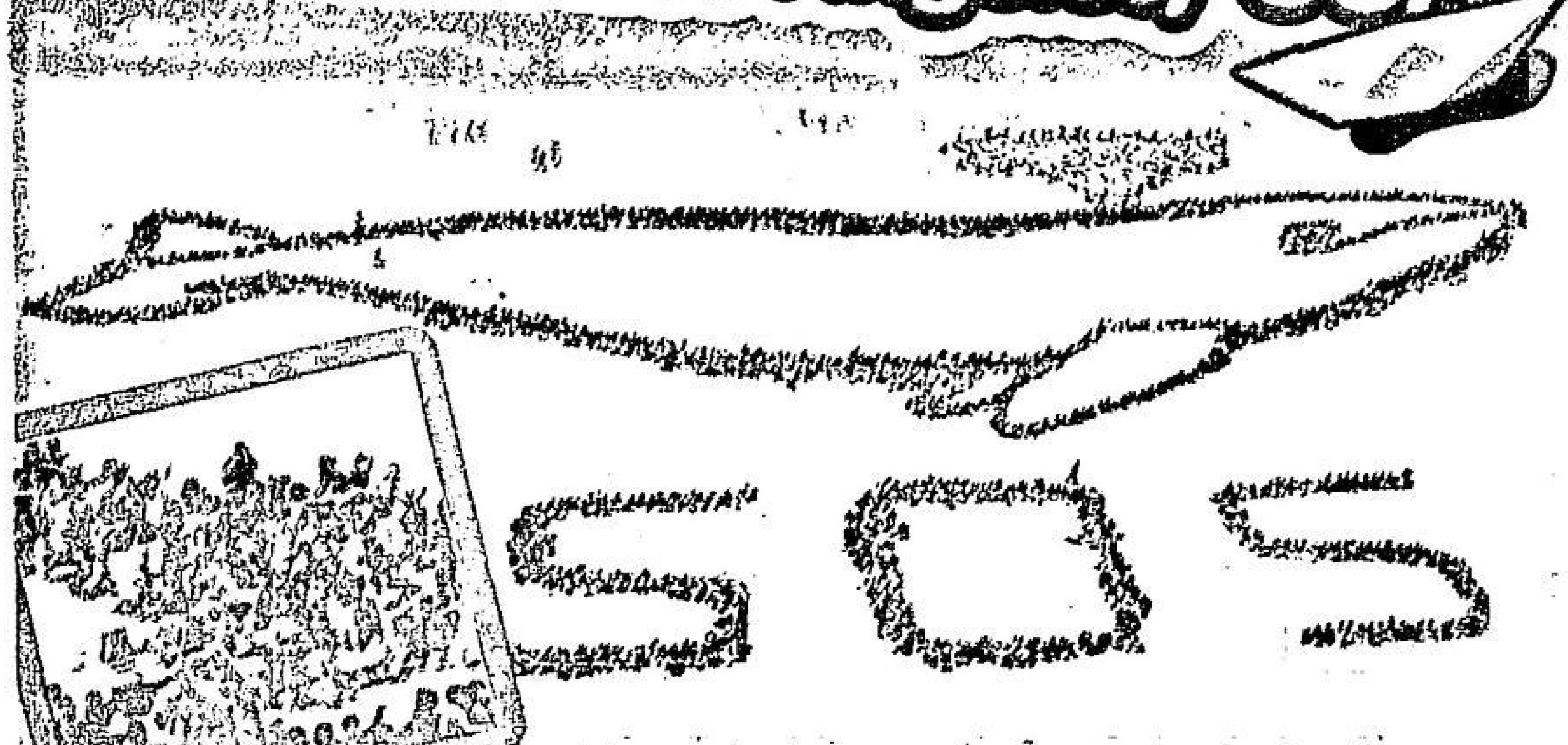
THIS horse and his rider are on their way to the El Rocio shrine in Donana national park, where the Virgen del Rocio is housed. Hundreds of thousands of devotees on horseback and decorated carriages come together for this annual pilgrimage, the largest in Spain. **AFP**

Iloilo, PHILIPPINES

Free football

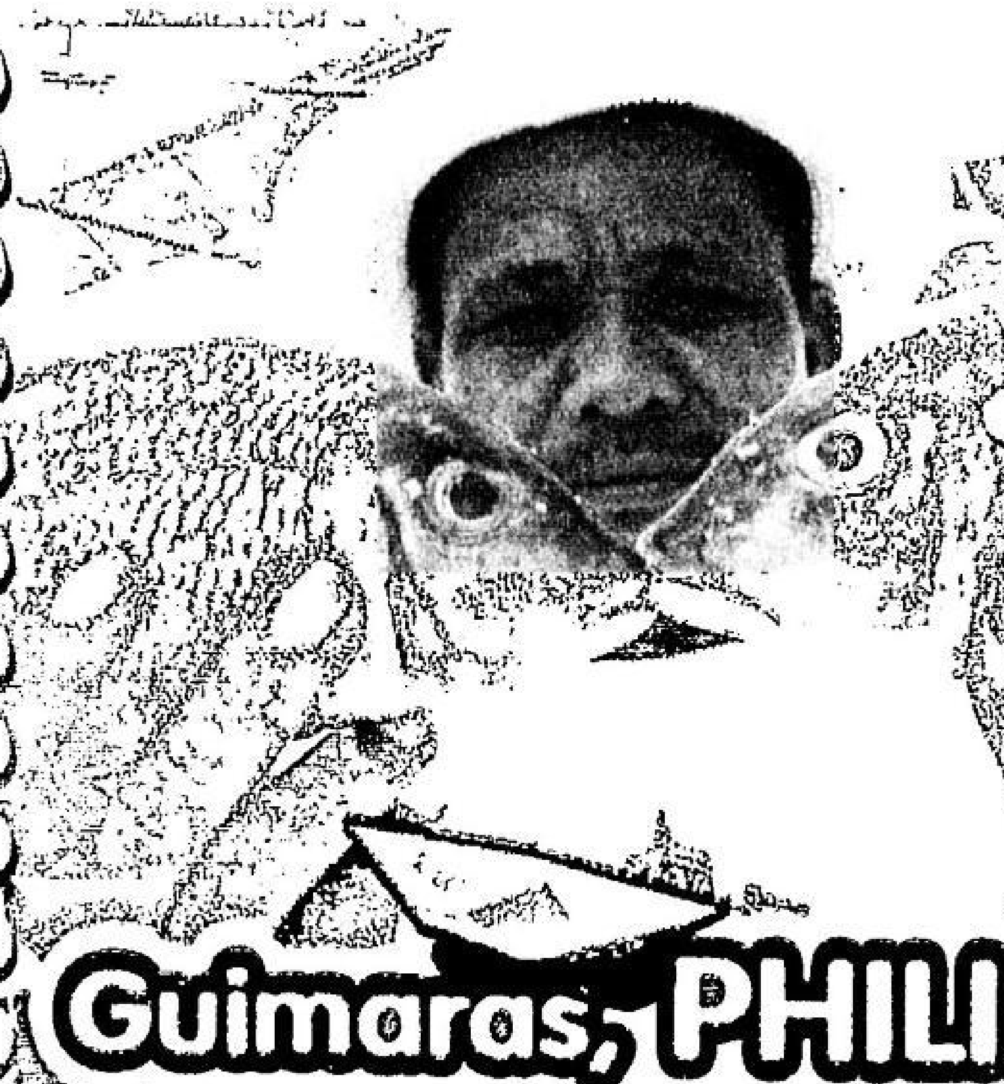
AT the Philippine Football Federation National Training Center in Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo, kids are enjoying free football clinics sponsored by the United States Embassy. **ARNOLD ALMACEN/INQUIRER VISAYAS**

Los Angeles, USA



We are the whale

IF only whales could talk, they'd probably ask humans to stop polluting their homes! Los Angeles schoolchildren decided to do the talking for these sea creatures by making a human art sculpture of a gray whale at Dockweiler State Beach. The event was sponsored by the Malibu Foundation for Environmental Education. **AP**



Guimaras, PHILIPPINES

Do they even have lips?

WELL, they're not really kissing; these fish are just being shown off at the Guimaras Fish Festival. The livelihood of Guimaras fisher folk suffered when a tanker sank and polluted Guimaras waters last year. The festival aims to attract tourists and give new life to the fishing industry in the province. **ARNOLD ALMACEN/INQUIRER VISAYAS**

New York, USA

Snowless skiing

LOOK Ma: no snow, and no ski poles either! This is actually a scene from the dress rehearsal of the 25-year old dance company "Momix" at the Joyce Theater in New York. The dance company uses props, light and shadow, and the human body to create illusions. **AFP**

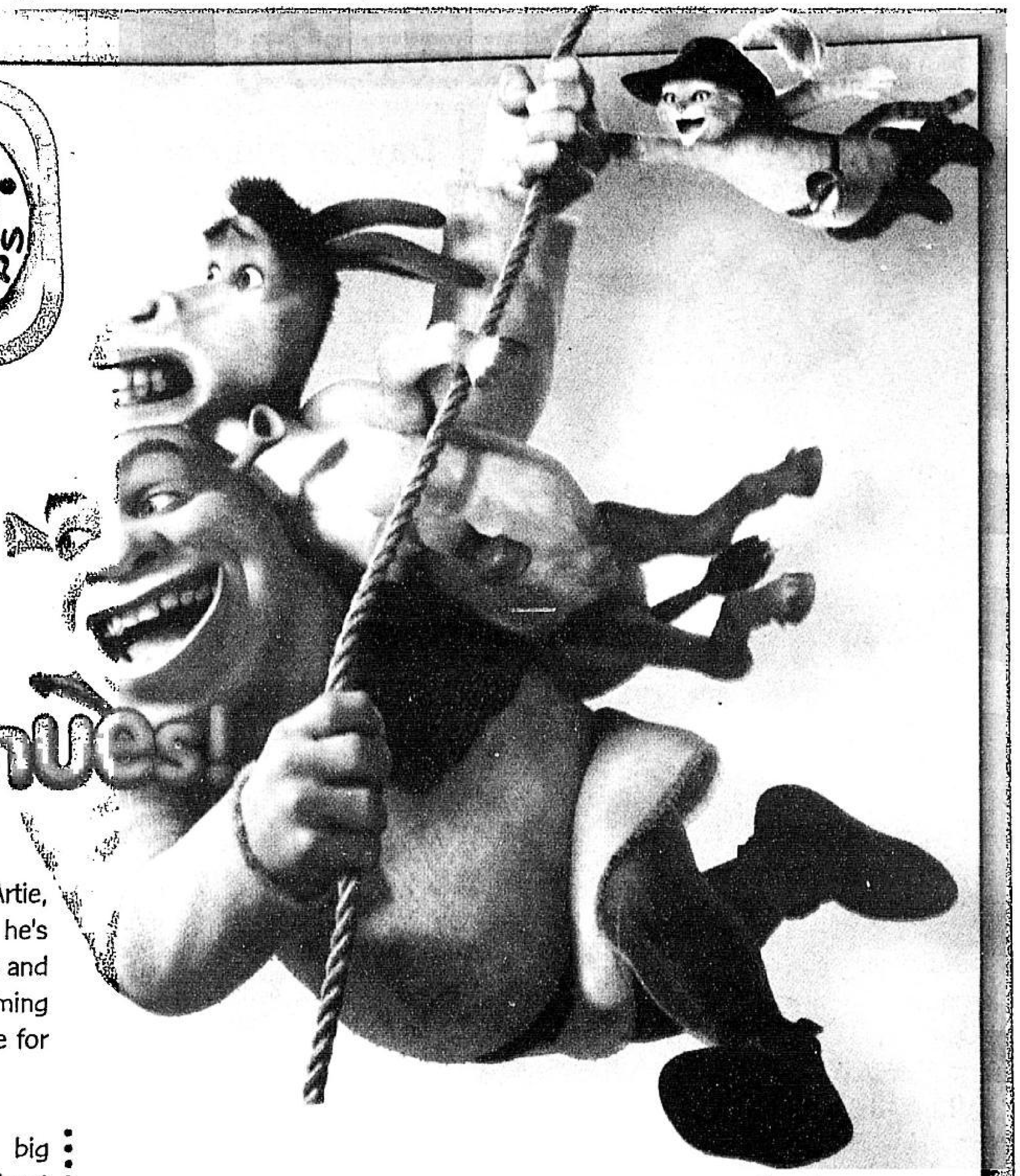
Berlin, GERMANY

Knut alone

POLAR bear Knut cools off in the water at the zoo in Berlin. Hundreds of visitors still flock to Berlin Zoo to get a glimpse of the little bear who has become a global sensation after surviving rejection by his mother. **AFP**

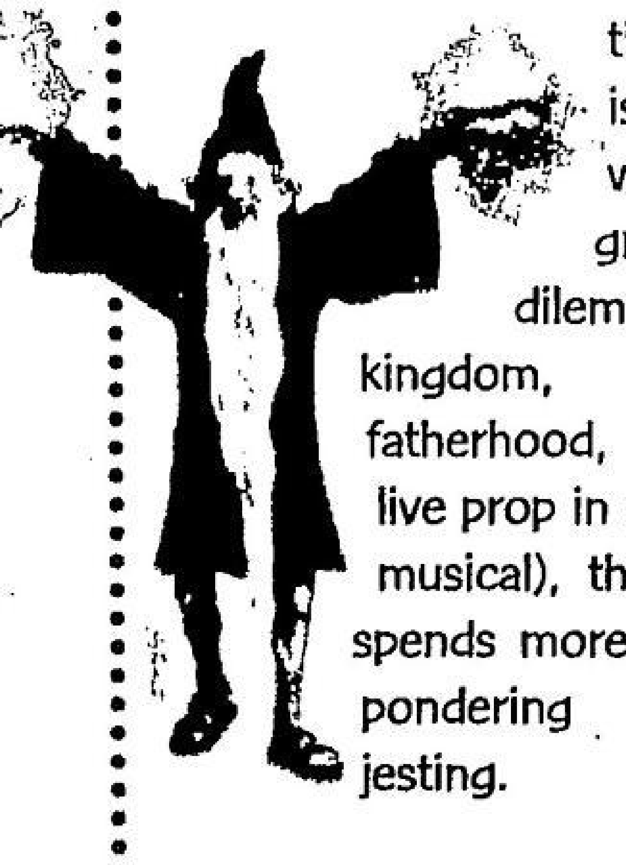
By Lana Masilungan
10 years old
Muntinlupa City

SHREK THE THIRD: The Ogre Madness Continues!



WAS IT ONLY 2001 when we were introduced to the big green ogre who lives in a swamp? Our belching, gas-passing, mud-bathing ogre has definitely grown up in the third installment of the Shrek series!

When King Harold of the Kingdom of Far Far Away "croaked," literally and figuratively, son-in-law Shrek found himself about to be king. This did not appeal to Shrek at all, so he decided to find Fiona's cousin Artie, and make him king. But while he's gone with loyal sidekicks Donkey and Puss in Boots, Prince Charming staged a coup to take the throne for himself!



The green guy still elicits big laughs, but I'm not talking about Shrek. I'm referring to frog king Harold, with his prolonged and funny death scene. Our title character is burdened with so much grown-up dilemma (running a kingdom, impending fatherhood, being a live prop in a stage musical), that he spends more time pondering than jesting.

The movie ends with a long-winded "to-thy-own-self-be-true" speech, but it doesn't seem fitting. The Shrek who meekly surrendered to a handful of Prince Charming's men was not the Shrek we're used to, the one who single-handedly terrorized armies in Shrek 1! The Fiona who runs and hides in the closet is not the Fiona we've seen in the past, kicking butts Matrix-style. Even Donkey's wisecracks were few and far between, unlike in the earlier films, where he was an unstoppable chatterbox.

Technically though, Shrek 3 beats its predecessors. The water in ponds or oceans shimmered and flowed like real liquid. One is tempted to reach out to feel the texture of Fiona's gowns, Donkey's fur, and the horse's mane.

For the human characters, sorcerer Merlin stands out because of realistic facial expressions and that skin texture only old people possess (sorry grandpas and grandmas). Movie trivia buffs, take note: Shrek can now wrinkle his nose!

All-in-all, Shrek 3 still brings the ohhh's and hahaha's. It has something for every member of the family (my parents dig the soundtrack). I'm sure I'll try to catch Shrek 4 if they make one!

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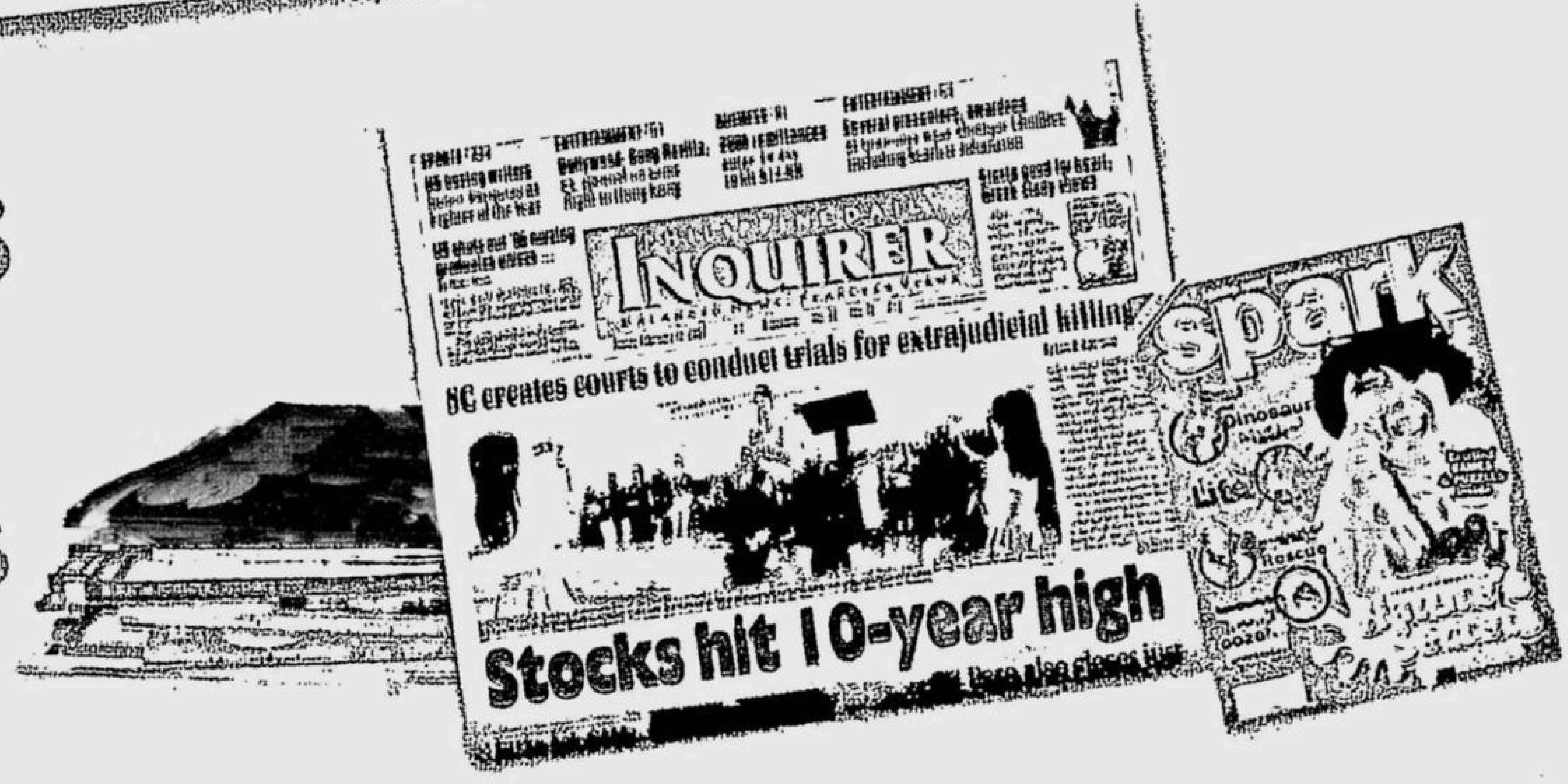

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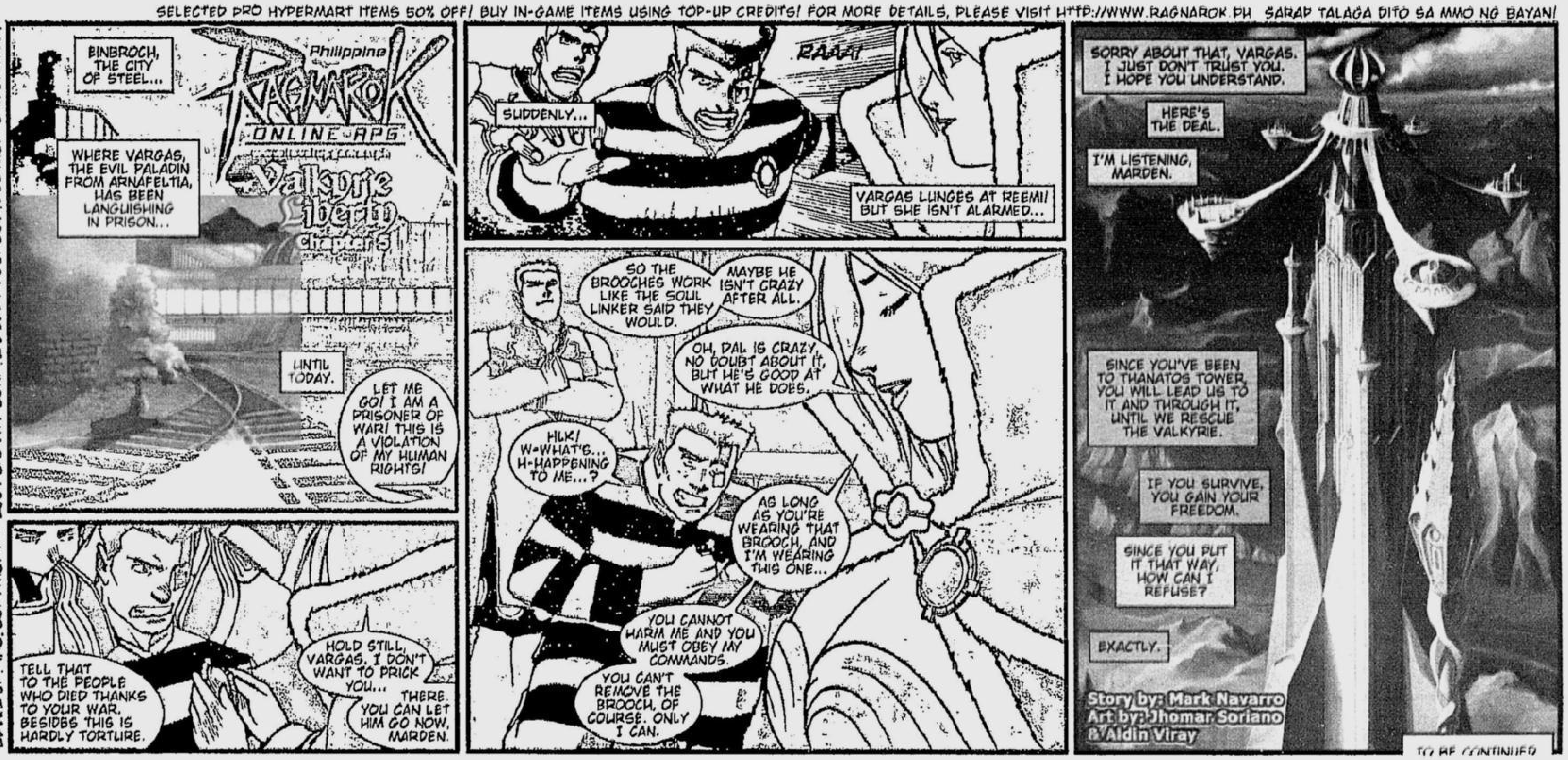
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TELL THAT TO THE PEOPLE WHO DIED THANKS TO YOUR WAR. BESIDES THIS IS HARDLY TORTURE.
HOLD STILL, VARGAS. I DON'T WANT TO PRICK YOU...
THERE. YOU CAN LET HIM GO NOW, MARDEN.
SUDDENLY...
RAAA!
VARGAS LUNGES AT REEMI! BUT SHE ISN'T ALARMED...
SO THE BROOCHES WORK LIKE THE SOUL LINKER SAID THEY WOULD.
MAYBE HE ISN'T CRAZY AFTER ALL.
OH, DAL IS CRAZY, NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, BUT HE'S GOOD AT WHAT HE DOES.
HLK! W-WHAT'S... H-HAPPENING TO ME...?
AS LONG AS YOU'RE WEARING THAT BROOCH, AND I'M WEARING THIS ONE...
YOU CANNOT HARM ME AND YOU MUST OBEY MY COMMANDS.
YOU CAN'T REMOVE THE BROOCH, OF COURSE. ONLY I CAN.
SORRY ABOUT THAT, VARGAS. I JUST DON'T TRUST YOU. I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND.
HERE'S THE DEAL.
I'M LISTENING, MARDEN.
SINCE YOU'VE BEEN TO THANATOS TOWER, YOU WILL LEAD US TO IT AND THROUGH IT, UNTIL WE RESCUE THE VALKYRIE.
IF YOU SURVIVE, YOU GAIN YOUR FREEDOM.
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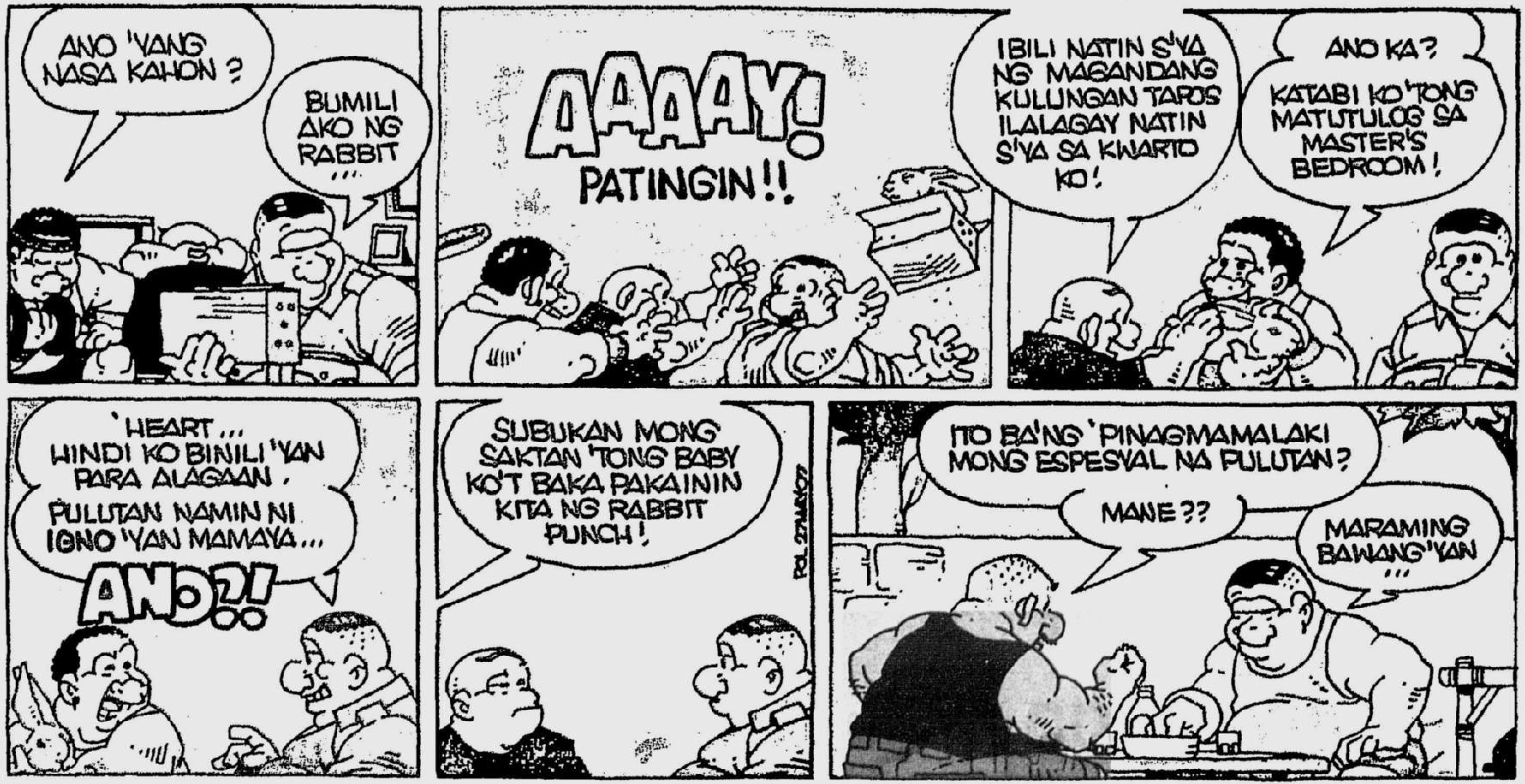
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ANO KA?
KATABI KO 'TONG MATUTULOG SA MASTER'S BEDROOM!
HEART... HINDI KO BINILI 'YAN PARA ALAGAAN.
PULUTAN NAMIN NI IGNO 'YAN MAMAYA...
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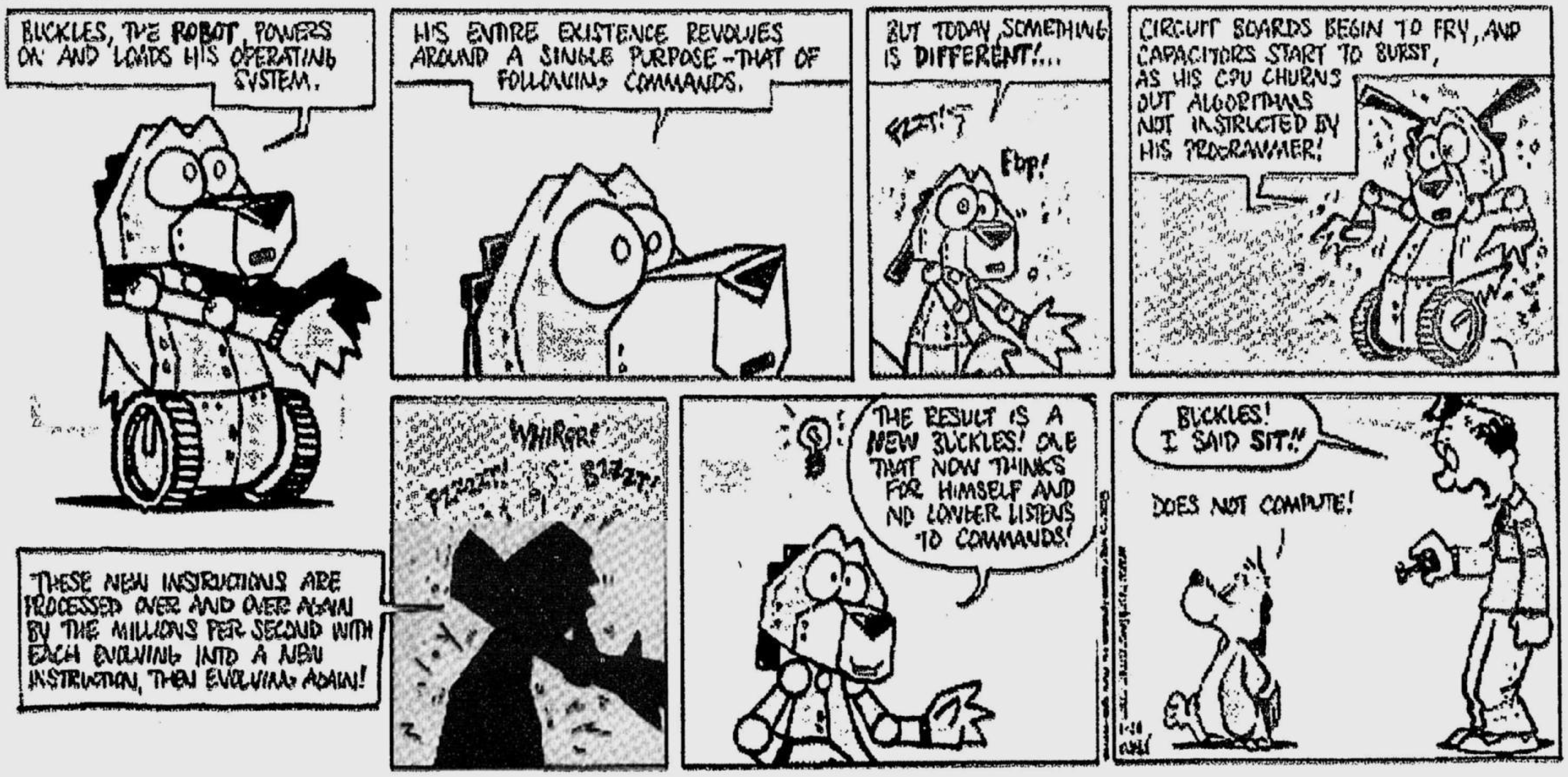
BUCKLES

BY DAVID GILBERT


BUCKLES, THE ROBOT, POWERS ON AND LOADS HIS OPERATING SYSTEM.
HIS ENTIRE EXISTENCE REVOLVES AROUND A SINGLE PURPOSE—THAT OF FOLLOWING COMMANDS.
BUT TODAY SOMETHING IS DIFFERENT!...
FZZT!
FOP!
CIRCUIT BOARDS BEGIN TO FRY, AND CAPACITORS START TO BURST, AS HIS CPU CHURNS OUT ALGORITHMS NOT INSTRUCTED BY HIS PROGRAMMER!
THESE NEW INSTRUCTIONS ARE PROCESSED OVER AND OVER AGAIN BY THE MILLIONS PER SECOND WITH EACH EVOLVING INTO A NEW INSTRUCTION, THEN EVOLVING AGAIN!
WHIRRR!
FZZZT!
BZZZT!
THE RESULT IS A NEW BUCKLES! ONE THAT NOW THINKS FOR HIMSELF AND NO LONGER LISTENS TO COMMANDS!
BUCKLES! I SAID SIT!!
DOES NOT COMPUTE!

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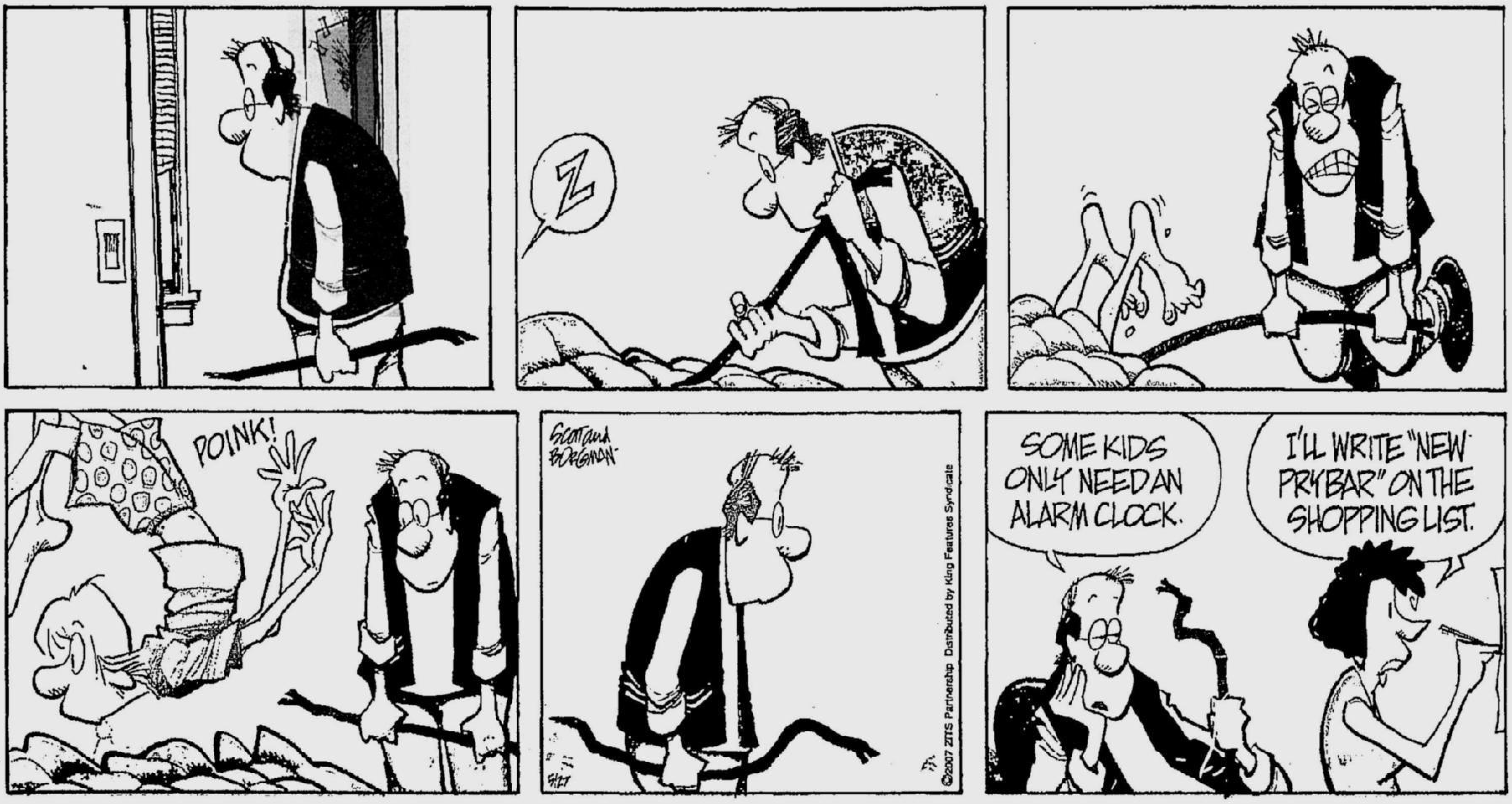
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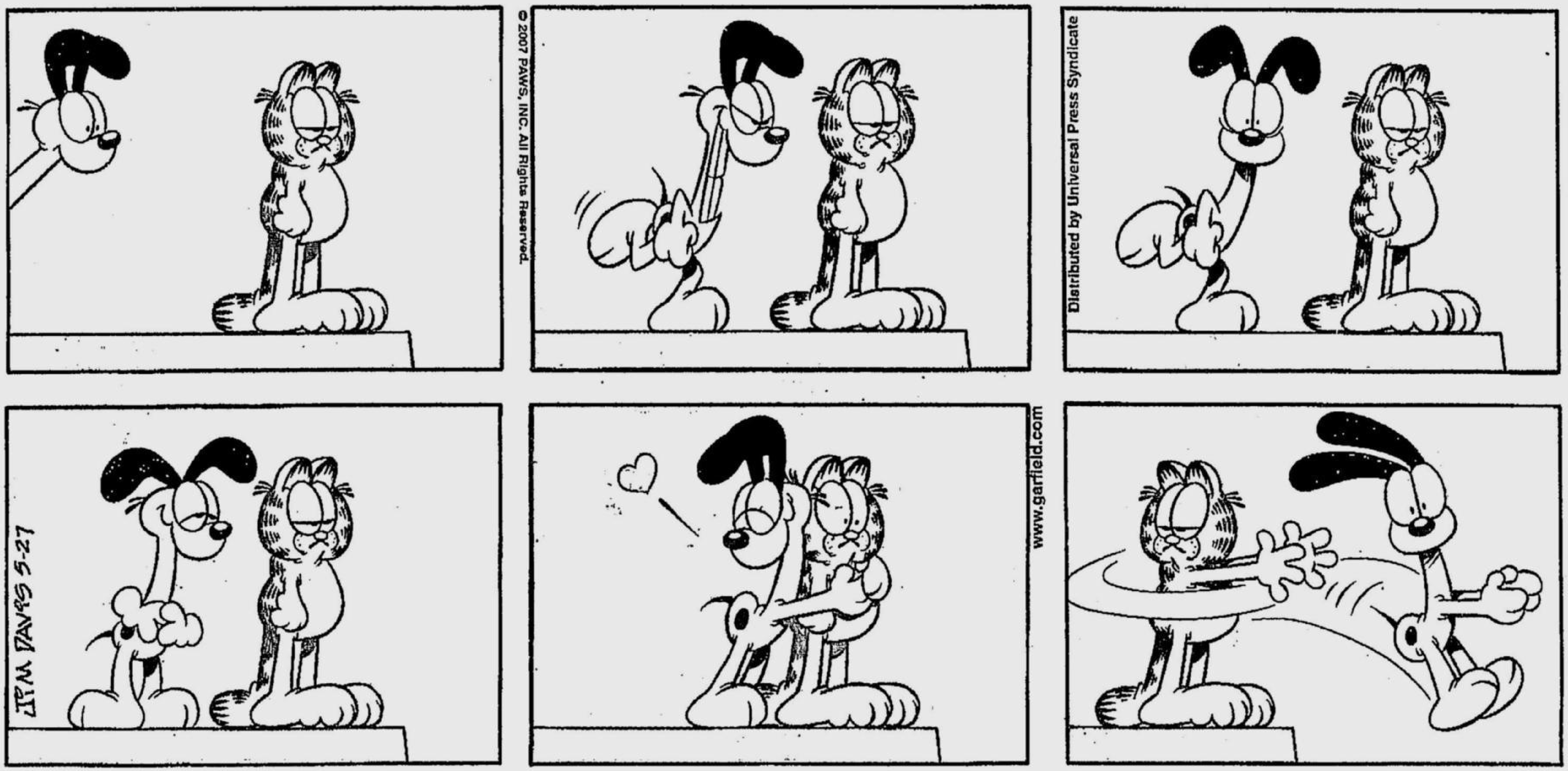
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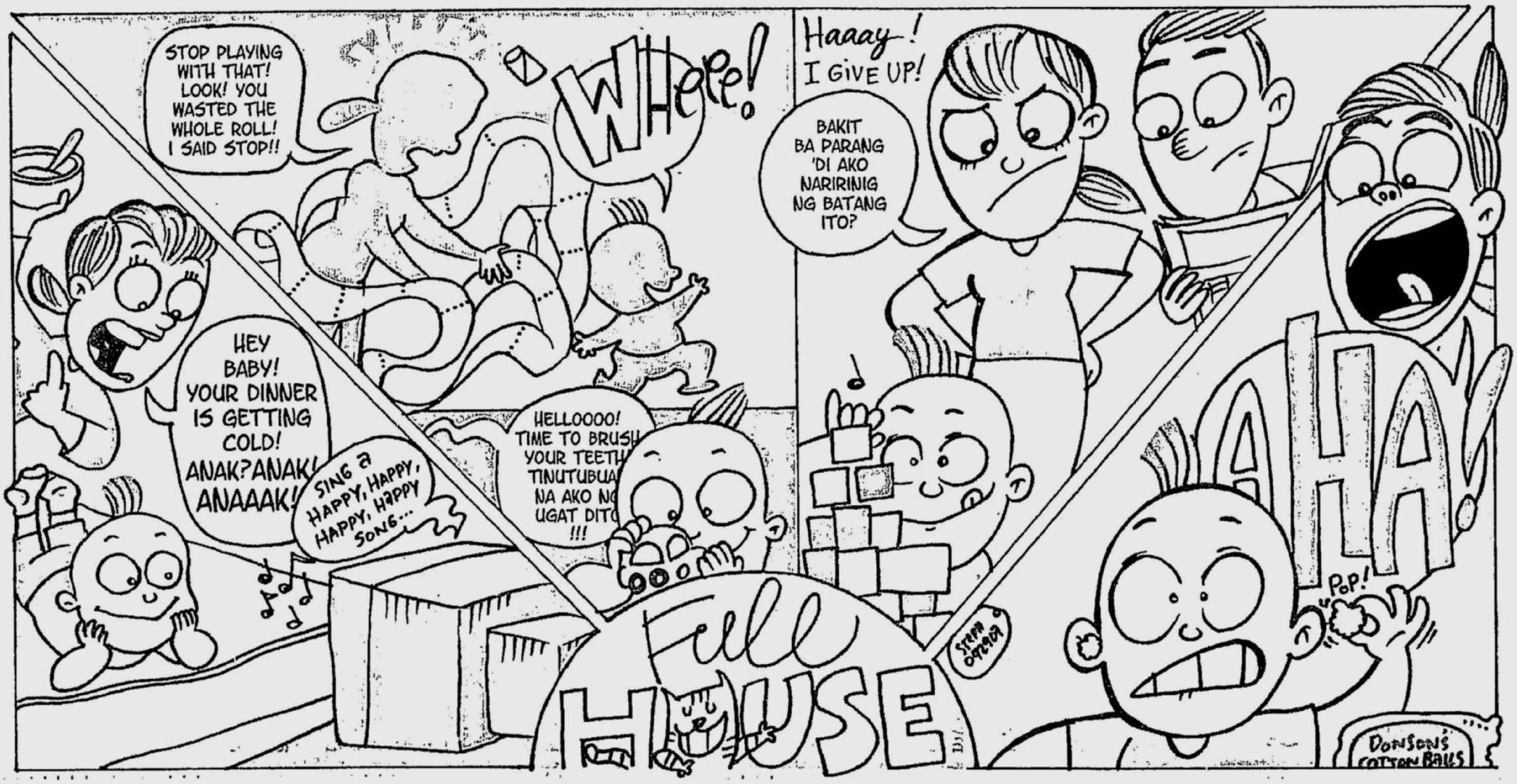
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SING a HAPPY, HAPPY, HAPPY, HAPPY SONG...
HELLOOOO! TIME TO BRUSH YOUR TEETH! TINUTUBUAN NA AKO NG UGAT DITO !!!
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Haaay! I GIVE UP!
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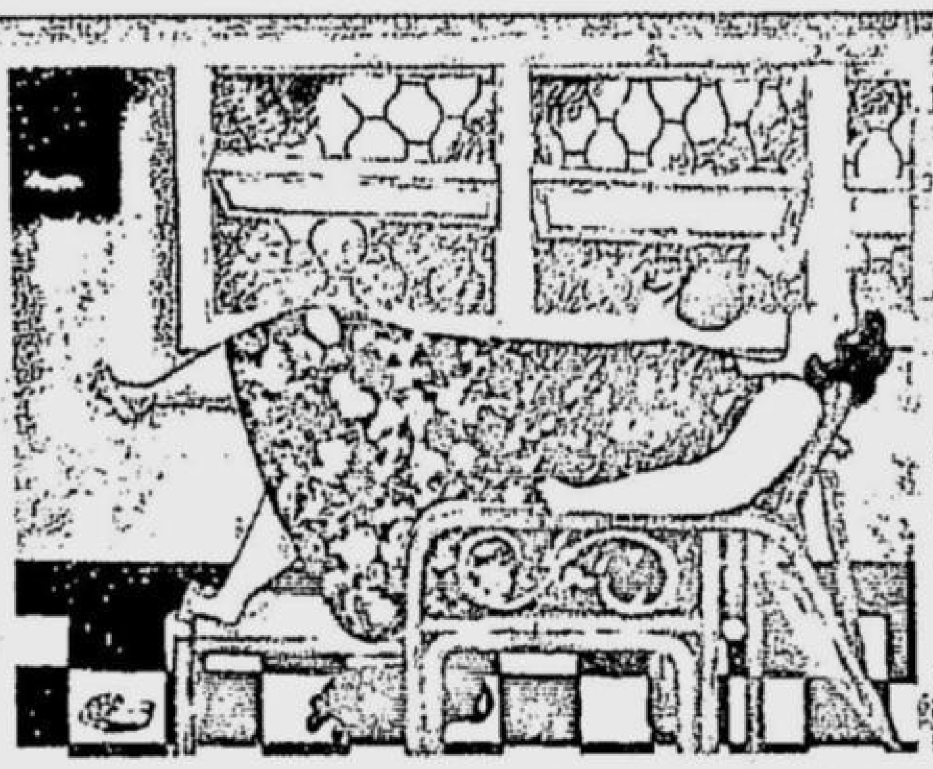

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Wanted:
Young Storytellers

DO you have some tall tales to share? Are you imaginative enough to invent stories out of random thoughts? Well, the 6th Barlaya Writing for Young Adults Workshop just might make those fancy stories work for you.

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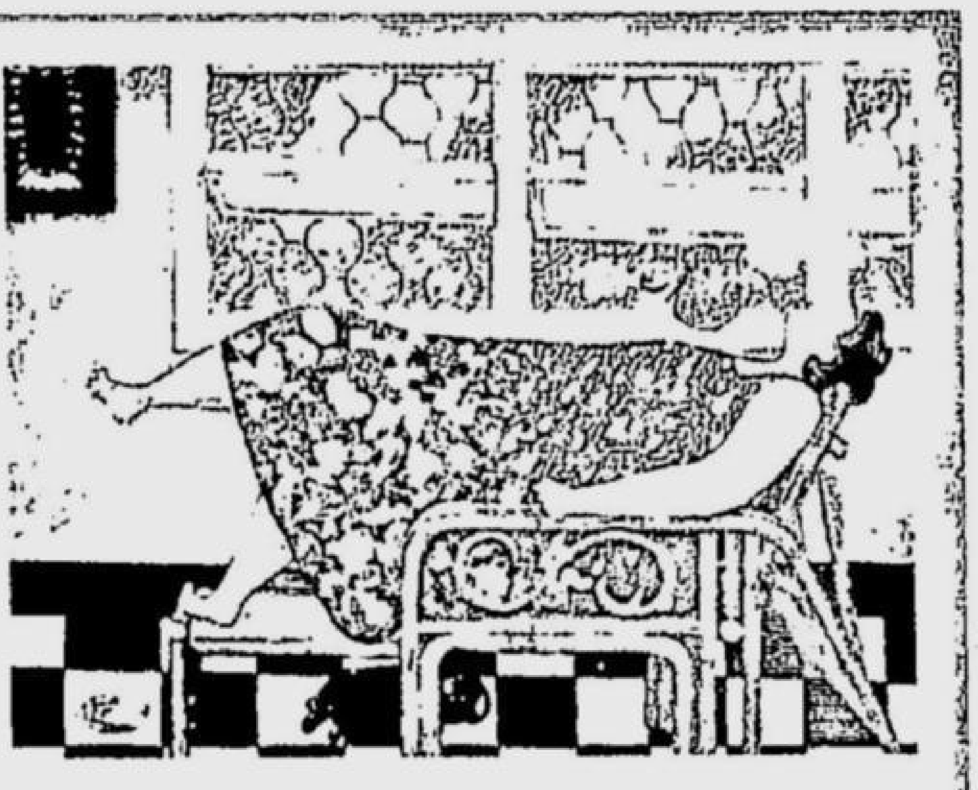

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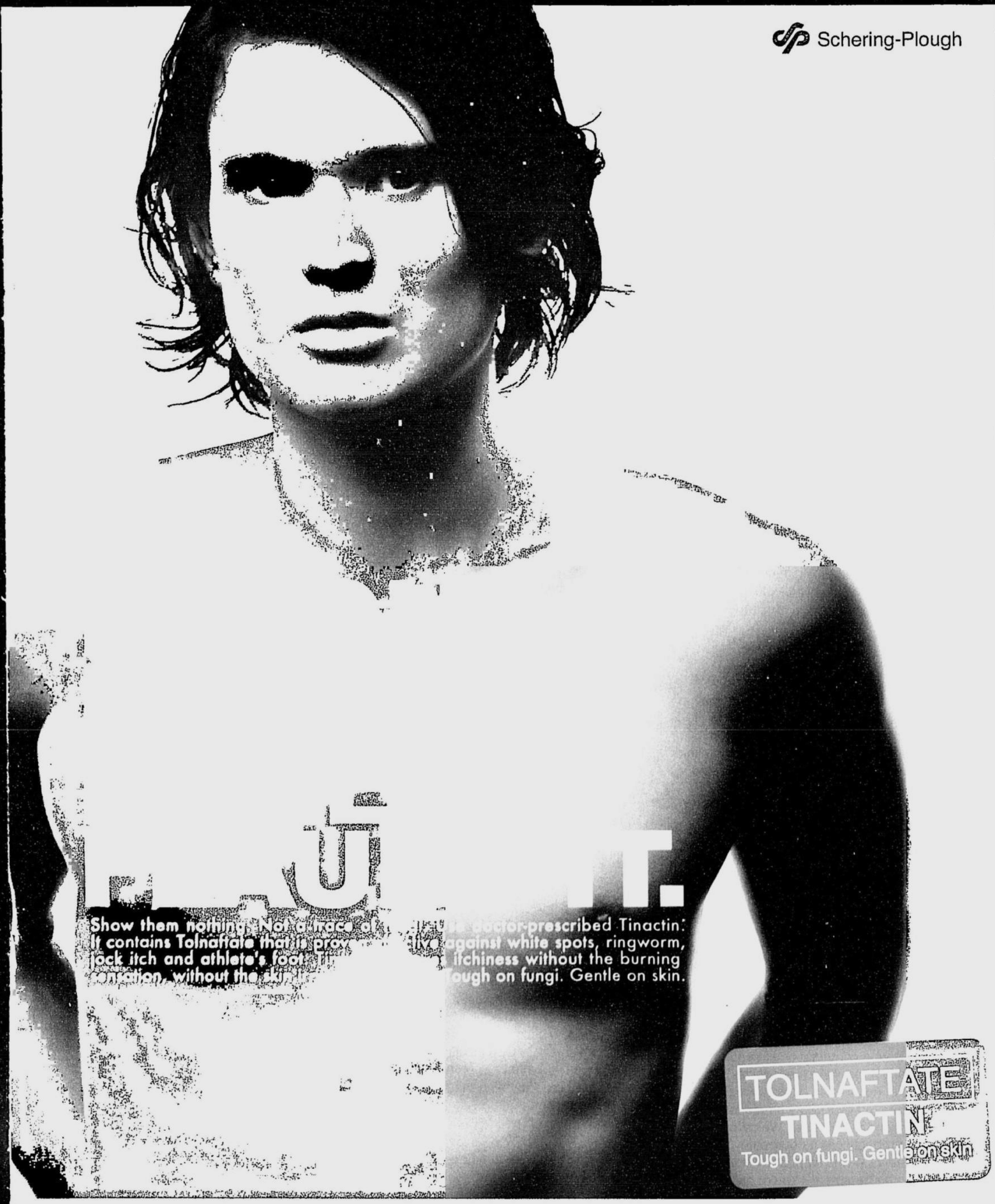

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By Gina Abuyuan

The Road to Recovery

Both Eastern and Western medicine have their good points, says medical doctor Eddie Concepcion, who also practices acupuncture and believes in Chinese medicine. If one doesn't work, try the other

"YOU'RE not going to be a voodoo doctor, you're going to become a real doctor!"

This, acupuncturist Eddie Concepcion recalls his father telling him after he found his son reading a book on the principles of yin and yang when he was in second year high school. The young Eddie obliged, entered the UERM College of Medicine, and went into community practice for six years. This was his concession to Western medicine.

But destiny, it seems, nagged at Concepcion, and in the mid-80s, halfway through his work with non-government organizations, he persuaded his bosses to send him to the Fujien University of Traditional Chinese Medicine in China. There he trained in acupuncture and came back home to become, yes, a "voodoo doctor."

Concepcion now leads a team of five medical doctors who share his inclination towards Oriental (Eastern) medicine at the Centro Maginhawa Acupuncture Clinic in Teacher's Village, Quezon City. The clinic handles cases ranging from stroke and chemotherapy, to infertility, arthritis, sciatica, and migraine.

It's only proper that modern-day doctors study Eastern medicine, says Concepcion, because "if you consider world history, Eastern medicine started first." He admits, however, that it has been overshadowed by Western medicine, which has become the dominant form of medical practice today.

Still, he finds Eastern medicine "holistic," says Concepcion. "In my practice of Western medicine, I would often encounter patients who complain of ailments that medical doctors fail to recognize." An example, he cites, is *pasma*, which is characterized by sweaty hands, slight tremors and numbness. "Western medicine would probably call it neuropathy, 'disease of the nerve'—and what good will that do? What's the treatment? You're given a vitamin B complex, but what's the proof (that it will cure you)? It's more for the doctor's peace of mind that he was able to prescribe something. But the patient will not improve because it's not the appropriate treatment, since the doctor still cannot recognize what's going on."

"Pressure points in the body correspond to different organs."

Concepcion continues: "In Chinese medicine, *pasma* is a real disease. It's dampness and mucus getting stuck in particular areas of the body. And the appropriate treatment is to remove the dampness. If you're able to name it correctly, you should be able to treat it. The problem is, how do you identify that? That's where the philosophy of Chinese medicine comes in."

The main difference between Chinese and Western medicine, says Concepcion, are the philosophies involved. Some may overlap, but they oppose each other at a certain point and are irreconcilable. The Chinese view the human body as a reflection of the universe, while Western medicine takes the empirical point of view.

"For instance, the simple idea that only things you can see or measure are real, is already a philosophy," explains Concepcion. "That's why Western science is squeamish about God or religion; they can't (quantify it). Western science thinks of reality as a box—anything that exists outside or beyond that box is not real. It's Cartesian philosophy."

In Chinese medicine, continues Concepcion, "we're talking about energies you cannot measure using instruments, although we're seeing glimpses of that with the MRI. But this is just the tip of the iceberg. For you to maintain health, you have to flow with the universe, according to this philosophy. So the framework is different."

To understand how Eastern medicine works, one has to understand and respect its foundations, he adds. And that calls for a paradigm shift if one is coming from the Western point of view.

He again cites the example of *pasma*: "When we treat patients with *pasma* here, we tell them not to wash their hands when they're feeling very tired. And they come back feeling better. But that's a taboo in Western medicine—there's no scientific proof that you can't take a bath or wash your hands if you feel tired."

How does he explain its effectivity then?

Says Concepcion: "This is based on the observations and experiences of a civilization that is quite old and had a common system of writing that could be understood from one corner of the country to the other. The people wrote down their observations and kept them in manuscripts. Chinese medicine may not have developed in laboratories, but the knowledge comes from the experiences of people."

He also notes that due to ancestral worship—the Chinese did not autopsy the bodies of their dead, unlike in Western medicine—the Chinese never got to study the anatomy of the human body. "So they ended up just investigating (and observing connections between signs and problems in the body). Through generations, they wrote their observations down and validated them through experience."

The very Asian value of "saving face" also means that the Chinese don't just discard any old treatment, out of respect for those who had developed it and their descendants. "That's why we have

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By Margaux Salcedo

Salcedo Village's

Sumptuous Offerings

From coffee shops to fine dining places, my cozy little village has it all

LET me tell you about my village, Salcedo Village. Yup, okay, our family owns this village named after my great grandfather Leopoldo Salcedo, the king of Philippine movies before FPJ took over. Just kidding! Okay, let's talk restaurants. I want to share with you what I fancy in this cozy little village I call my own...

Let's start with the fancy shmancy Le Souffle. Also known as Top of the Citi because it is located on top of the Citibank Tower, it's one of the favorite date restaurants of half the girls in Manila. You ask any frou-frou chick and she will say "Oooooh, I love Le Souffle in Salcedo." Attribute this to the glass walls that offer a view of the city that is paralleled by a rare few.

However, with all the competition nowadays, Top of the Citi is no longer at the top of my date restaurants list. The view of the Makati skyline has lost its thrill and the interiors of this former top restaurant have lost their flavor as well. Admittedly, it has maintained its stature as a fine dining spot, with a bottle of wine on each table, English-speaking waiters and hard-bound menus. The service fails to impress, though. One has to holler for a waiter and wait a while for orders, forcing you to follow up on your meal.

Fortunately, the gustatory experience is worth the wait if you have the time. Each time I dined, the texture of each dish was superb, from the soup to the salad, from the entrée to dessert, and my palate was often left satisfied. Certain items, like the Pan Fried Gooseliver Salad and the French Chocolate Gateau, remain impeccable. So although the restaurant has lost its appeal to me as a romantic date place, it remains a first choice for a power lunch, which is its primary function anyway, considering its location and corresponding corporate market.

Another restaurant for a good corporate lunch is Tsumura, a hidden Japanese restaurant on the 2nd floor of the Corporate Center (yoga fans would know this building). But as this place is not really tsu-*mura* but actually tsu-*mahal*, let me tell you instead about a more accessible Japanese restaurant that is not as highbrow, and is slowly gaining ground by word of mouth as a favorite Japanese place of yuppies everywhere. The name is Nanohana and it has yuppie-affordable rates. Yuppie-affordable means even those advertising dudes who need to maintain an image of luxurious spending in spite of their meager salaries should be able to afford a date at this joint! The concept appears to be that of an *izakaya*, a Japanese drinking parlor where the *sakana* is served to complement the drinks, an impression I attribute to the *sake*-filled bar that stretches the length of an entire wall. The good thing about the *izakaya* concept is that Asahi and Iichiko are available on the menu, offering Filipinos an alternative to good old San Miguel. The bad news is that they have Mariah Carey belting in the background, which totally kills the zen feel of the olive and brown interiors. Or maybe it's meant to force you to drink more *sake*...

A buffet of dining options

For brunch, my favorite is Apartment 1B on Sedeño, which I already mentioned a couple of issues back. They have the best omelettes in Manila. 'Nuf said.

Another find for brunch is Alexa's Deli. This place has the dual personality of a coffee house and a deli in the mornings, so it's a great place for quick coffee after jogging or to read the papers. Later in the morning you can opt to have brunch; but best is at cocktail hour, when they serve wine and cheese. They offer a decent selection of wines because the owners also supply various restaurants with their products that are flown in straight from Australia. There's a good selection of cheese as well. It's no Artisanal—that Park Avenue cheese haven—but at least the place attempts to widen your cheese selection from just the plain old cheddar and mozzarella offered everywhere. You can also order a pre-selected cheese platter or order your own camembert and brie to enjoy with a glass of wine after a long day at work.

If you are in a rush for a caffeine high, the franchised coffee houses are everywhere. There is Coffee Bean by the park, a favorite hangout of expats and residents because it has a cozy deck where you can smoke or hang out with friends who do. A Figaro now stands opposite the Paseo Center. And, of course, Starbucks, Starbucks everywhere! •

Alexa's Deli
Price range: P1,500/head
My favorites: Cheese platter

Apt 1B
Address: Sedeño bet. Valero and Leviste
Price range: P600-P700/head
Ambience: Neighborhood

Le Souffle/Top of the Citi
Address: 34/F Citibank
Food: French, Continental
Price range: P1,500/head

Tsumura
Address: 2/F Corporate Center, Sedeño cor Valero
Price range: P2,000/head
Ambience: Fine dining

By Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

The Healing Journey of Helen Quach

Music heals, but as this acclaimed conductor found out, sometimes the sound of 'hu' and silence work as well

"I DON'T remember being born, not until I experienced my birth-journey in my subconscious mind."

So goes the opening line of the autobiography of internationally acclaimed symphony conductor Helen Quach. This ball of fire with an Asian face had been the toast of the music world for about three decades, having started when she was only in her 20s. In the Philippines alone, she had conducted more than 20 concerts.

And then, a long absence.

Quach reemerged last month with two much applauded concerts with the Manila Symphony Orchestra II (MSO) at St. Scholastica's College and the Cultural Center of the Philippines. Not a coincidence, for it was also here, some 16 years ago, that she sensed the dark beginnings of her journey into another world.

Born in Vietnam to Chinese parents, Quach (pronounced Kuo) spent her early childhood in Saigon's French quarters and her growing up years in Australia. The eldest of three children, she was named (Kuo) Mei-chen, which means beauty and chastity.

Quach's road to world fame began with her winning first prize at the Mitropoulos Conducting Competition in New York, after which she became the assistant to the famous Leonard Bernstein. She was only in her 20s, freshly out of the Sydney Conservatory of Music. She further honed her skills in Europe and traveled extensively. The world was her stage.

Yet, at some point in her career's dizzying peak, events conspired to send her spiraling into a gloomy depth. Suddenly she had to face, not an adoring audience, but only herself.

"This auditing was a desperate attempt to find answers to heal myself of terminal cancer and to mend my shattered ego and broken heart," she confides. "The philharmonic orchestra that I had successfully organized in Taipei was suddenly dissolved because of political strife, and a friendship became a soul-searing karmic affair."

Quach conducting the Manila Symphony Orchestra II: "Unbelievable, but I'm back."

Peter C. Marquez

In 1983, Quach went through grueling rehearsals for the "Sing-it-Yourself Messiah" (Handel) in Canberra where a crowd of 4,000 people joined in the chorus. "After 'Messiah,' I slept for weeks," Quach recalls. Pain was setting in but there were still many bookings down the road and down the years.

Quach was in Manila in 1991 for six concerts when Mount Pinatubo erupted and turned provinces into a gray vastness. The landscape of her life was also about to change.

"During my last concert tour with the MSO, while Mt. Pinatubo was spewing ashes and caused one of my six concerts to be cancelled, I sensed a sinister dark presence in the audiences that filled each of the five concerts. This presence was behind all the layers of deceit and political strife with large groups (that) I have encountered, be they government, musical or medical."

The lump in her breast had been there, but this time it was rearing its head mightily at her. Quach recalls the doctor's verdict. "He said I should allow him to operate so that we could be 100-percent sure I had terminal cancer instead of 98 percent as shown by mammography, ultrasound and needle aspirations. This way the doctors and my family would be right to expect me to die. My two brothers, both Western-trained medical doctors, offered their homes where I could die like my mother did.

"But I knew that if I was to escape death, I would have to accept full responsibility for my healing. I needed to reexamine my whole outer life, every emotional and mental pattern, attitude and opinion. I spent long periods totally alone, listening to silence and my own inner selves. I observed my tumors and bodily changes daily."

She was not only dying of cancer, her vital organs were failing because of an accidental electrocution at home. The electrocution knocked her down and gave her a split-second near-death experience. "I would realize later that there are no accidents in life," she muses.

The accident damaged the organs of her body. Even the naturopath she was seeing didn't know where to start. "I lacked oxygen because of my weakened lungs. I could not take food and vitamins. I had yeast overgrowth in my digestive system, a collapsed kidney, blockages in my body and a damaged womb."

Says the dragon lady of the podium: "I was brought down to my knees. There was only one way: to follow the mysterious ways and guidance of the Spirit."

Her eyes were sunken, her skin limply hanging on her bones. She refused chemotherapy, radiation and surgery. She searched for a road and began a journey. Where to begin if not in her beautiful home by the bay? She started with alternative ways and discovered that specially treated drinking water cleansed her blood, and a

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The Healing Journey of Helen Quach (from page 6)

herbal meal supplement based on an ancient Chinese formula gave her back her energy and balance.

Naturopathy worked for her dilapidated body. "For years I had continuously lived on my nerves. I was burned out. I discovered that besides blockages in the physical body such as tumors, I had emotional and mental blockages that needed to be cleared. This meant repaying my karmic debts not only to humans but also to animals and literally to all of life. I could not do this without Divine help."

Quach says she had recurrent dreams of snarling snakes that she fought back, of Jesus smiling and waving at her, of a dragon diving from a cliff to the depths of the sea. She got the message. She was going to dive and plumb the depths.

It was not coincidence, Quach says, that the road she took led her to the Living Eck Masters who taught her to raise her consciousness and master non-attachment. "I had to renew myself or die," she says. She has since become an avid learner of the precepts of Eckankar which, Quach says, teaches one to eschew the five passions of the mind: anger, greed, lust, vanity and over-attachment to material things. "When I was very weak, I couldn't even watch TV or listen to music. I just did the *hu* chanting exercises with love. It creates a vibration of love and gratitude for the Divine."

Conducting Handel's "Messiah" in 1983 in Canberra where 4,000 joined in singing the chorus. Soon, a Manila version.

While healing, Quach found time to give special lessons to young musicians so they could give dynamic and confident performances. "We'd work on the memory, techniques and producing a larger emotional canvas."

Have her new-found faith and practice compromised her Christian beliefs? "No," she exclaims, "This is real confirmation for me. I now understand my Catholicism better, what being a soldier of God means," adds this conductor who, together with her family, was baptized into the Catholic faith when she was 12. She attended a boarding school for girls run by the Bridgetine nuns.

Caring for animals, plants and the earth has also helped in the healing process, says Quach, who was once photographed wearing a mini skirt topped by a fur coat. One of her advocacies is animal rights. She has gone to the Supreme Court to protest the implanting of microchips in animals.

The sea, too, is a source of healing. "I snorkel all over Sydney. Sharks and stingrays swim past me. I get a lot of energy by sitting on a big rock from where I can see the treetops and the sea." She has also bought a home in Minnesota with a magnificent view of the Temple of Eck, which she shares with those who seek healing. "In order to receive from the Divine Spirit, I have to give and share the gifts. For me and those who are ready, somehow our paths will meet." She has totally surrendered herself to the Divine, she adds.

The major lump in her breast has shrunk and softened, Quach says. "As soon as my healing is complete, I will plan a thanksgiving concert and I hope many outstanding musicians and music lovers will celebrate with me."

If God asked her to conduct a concert at heaven's gates before a throng of angels and saints, what piece would she pick?

"Maybe Handel's 'Messiah,' Beethoven's 'Ode to Joy,' a Mozart or a Brahms," says this artist who's soon turning 67. Later she decides on Richard Strauss' awesome "Death and Transfiguration."

It is a theme she knows well. "Unbelievable," she gushes, "but I'm back!" •

The Road to Recovery (from page 4)

Eastern medicine: all about flowing with the universe

venerable names in Chinese medicine," Concepcion says. "You just can't refute these things."

And unlike Western medicine and science that discard old theories and even drug formulations once they're proven obsolete or harmful, the Chinese add the new theories to the old ones. "They know that the old theories hold some truth. If you cannot recognize a disease using a particular theory, then you move on to the next one."

Quoting Stephen Hawking in the first chapter of "A Brief History of Time," Concepcion notes that "the universe may not be understood using one theory; you may have to use several theories."

He admits, however, that Chinese medicine also has its limitations. "And that's where Western medicine comes in. As in the very glaring issue of public health." Since Chinese medicine wasn't developed in the lab through the microscope, it doesn't recognize germs. "We recognize germs as something that produce a lot of heat in the body. And heat manifests as a fever or foul discharge or inexplicable bleeding. That's as far as we can go in determining the presence of a 'pestilential factor'. We don't use the word bacteria or virus," he explains. This explains the still existing and unhygienic Chinese habit of spitting just about anywhere.

"They think of phlegm as something to be removed from your body, so why swallow it? Why spit it into a handkerchief and put it in your pocket?" That's where Western medicine trumps Eastern medicine: the treatment of bacterial diseases, he says.

Another limitation is intensive care when the patient is in critical condition. "Emergency care is the turf of Western medicine," he adds.

Patients with serious illnesses like cancer, severe hypertension, or surgical cases like transplants also benefit more from Western medicine, although acupuncture can be used as a support, says Concepcion. "Even the

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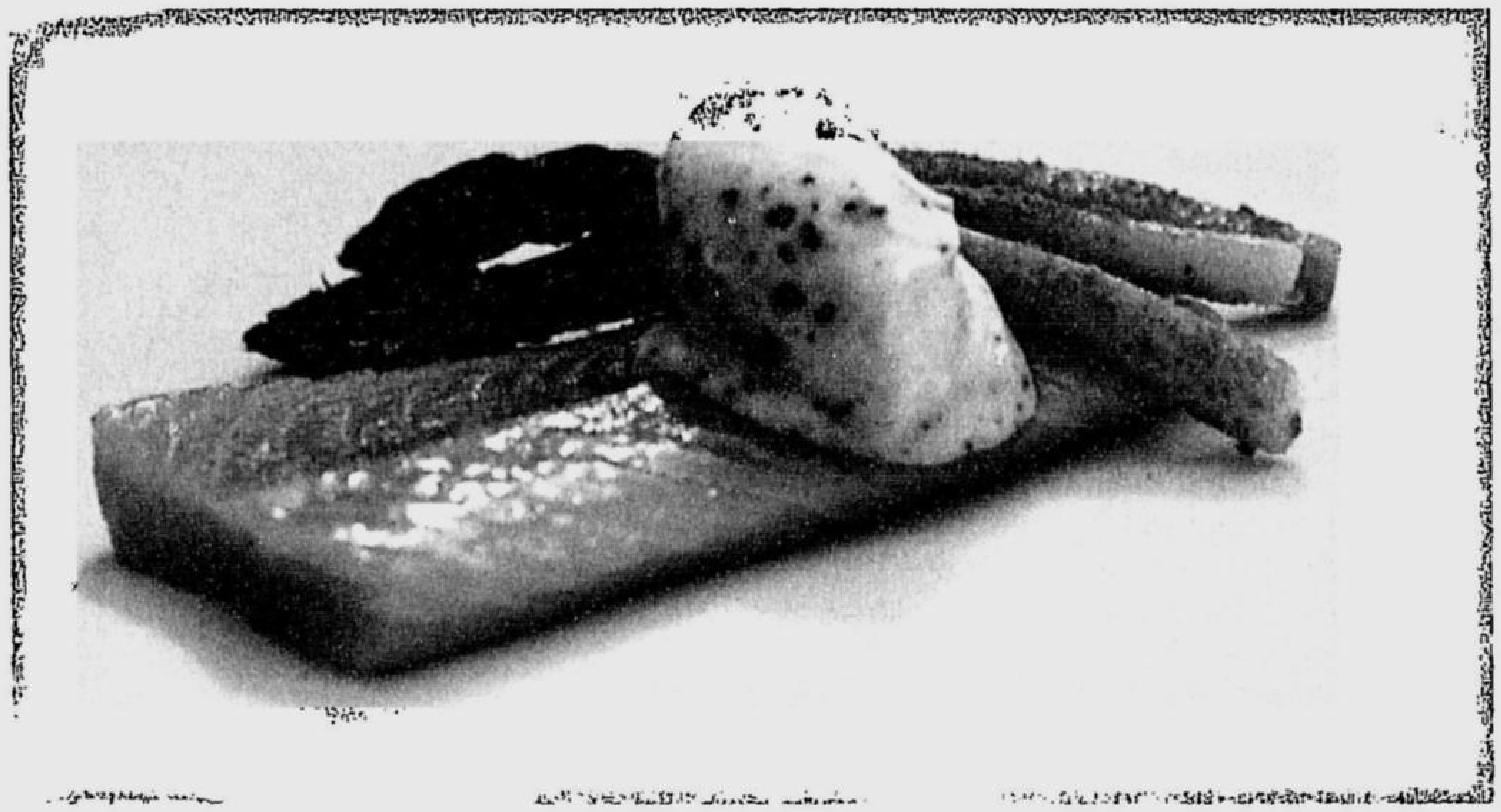
By Alya B. Honasan

Poison
or wonder food?

Five food fads and how they measure up, according to latest research



FOR YEARS, people have had well-entrenched ideas of what's healthy and what's not. But with modern science constantly unearthing new information, yesterday's poison may be today's wonder food, and vice versa. Read on—and remember that the best route is still to consult your doctor, and to practice moderation.

Coffee rocks! After living with the specter of everything from palpitations to osteoporosis, coffee lovers are jumping for joy at recent findings that coffee may be one of the best sources of disease-fighting antioxidants on the planet. In a report on WebMD, American doctors declared that the antioxidants in coffee may help "stave off cancer, heart disease, diabetes and stroke," and could lower the risk of Parkinson's disease and even colon cancer, while lifting your mood, relieving headaches, and helping prevent cavities.

In case you haven't been paying attention these past years, antioxidants are vitamins and minerals, often in specific combinations, that prevent serious problems like cancer, Alzheimer's, and heart disease by neutralizing free radicals. Free radicals are harmful molecules that form bonds that can basically destroy cells, mess up our systems, and lead to illness. Popular antioxidants are Vitamins A, C and E, and selenium, found in abundance in fruits and vegetables—and now, they've discovered, coffee.

In fact, according to data collected by Harvard researchers over 18 years, the greatest benefits were seen in people who drank up to six cups a day! Again, prudence may be key; the lowered blood sugar, for example, may be for naught if you can't sleep anyway. Doctors advise that you spread your cups over the day, and shift to decaf once in a while. The bad rap coffee has had in past years, doctors claim, was a result of the bad company it keeps—mainly, associations with late nights, stress and cigarettes. Overall, however, "the research shows that coffee is far more healthful than it is harmful," says Tomas DePaulis, Ph.D, research scientist at Vanderbilt University's Institute for Coffee Studies.

Have a drink—any drink. In the April 9, 2007 issue of Newsweek that revealed how exercise actually helps regenerate brain cells in humans (and you thought that occasional walk just kept your *lolo*'s senility at bay), Dr. Thomas Lee, Harvard cardiologist and author of the Harvard Heart Letter, revealed that moderate amounts of alcohol—any alcohol—reduce the risk of heart disease by kicking up levels of HDL (high-density lipoprotein), the good cholesterol. Unless you've really been hiding under a rock, you should know by now that there's HDL and there's LDL, low-density lipoprotein or bad cholesterol. Too much LDL in the blood clogs the arteries supplying blood to the heart and brain with hardened plaque; HDL is believed to actually bring cholesterol away from the arteries and slow down plaque build-up.

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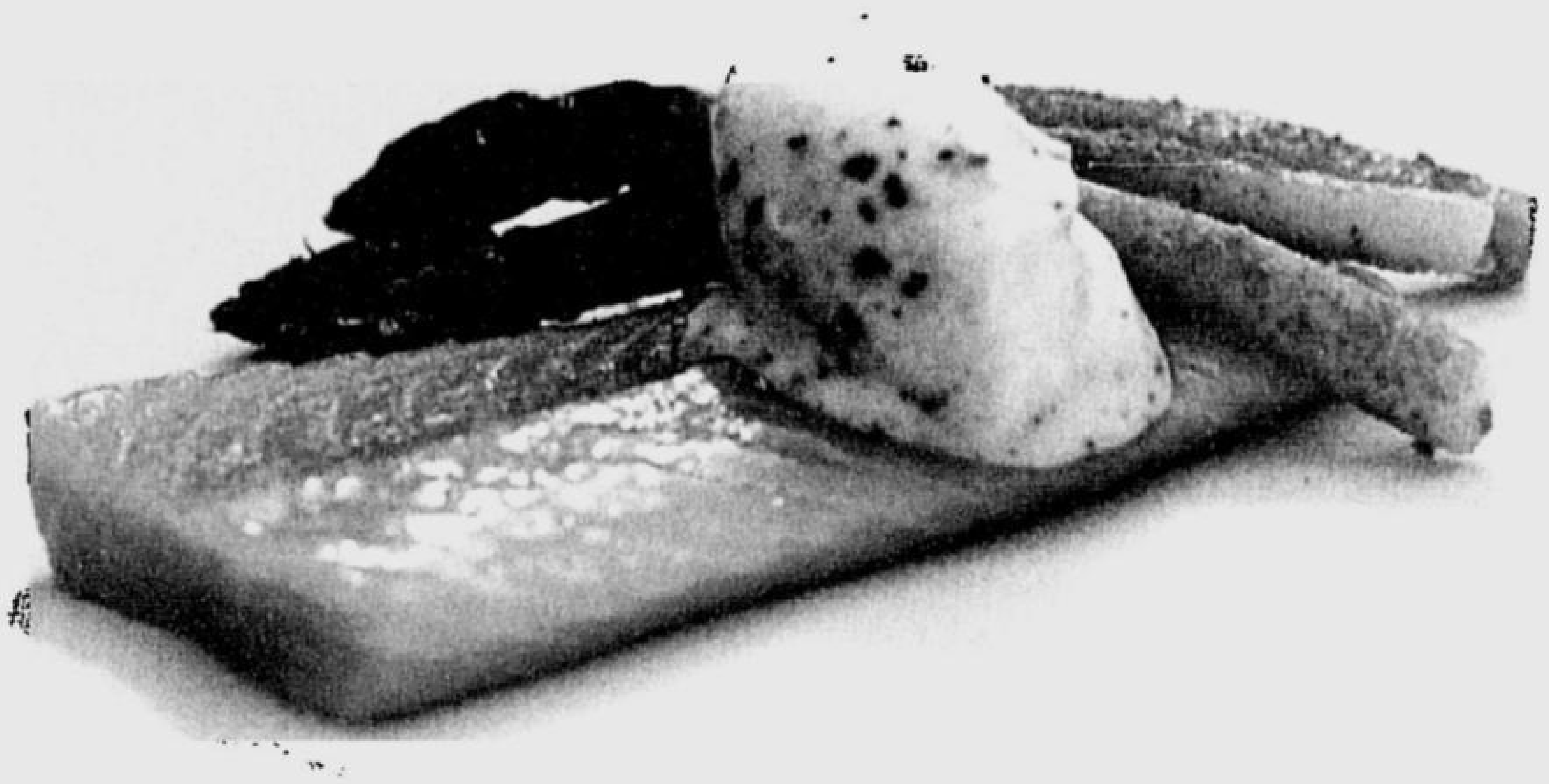
By Alya B. Honasan

Poison

or wonder food?

Five food fads and how they measure up, according to latest research



FOR YEARS, people have had well-entrenched ideas of what's healthy and what's not. But with modern science constantly unearthing new information, yesterday's poison may be today's wonder food, and vice versa. Read on—and remember that the best route is still to consult your doctor, and to practice moderation.

Coffee rocks! After living with the specter of everything from palpitations to osteoporosis, coffee lovers are jumping for joy at recent findings that coffee may be one of the best sources of disease-fighting antioxidants on the planet. In a report on WebMD, American doctors declared that the antioxidants in coffee may help "stave off cancer, heart disease, diabetes and stroke," and could lower the risk of Parkinson's disease and even colon cancer, while lifting your mood, relieving headaches, and helping prevent cavities.

In case you haven't been paying attention these past years, antioxidants are vitamins and minerals, often in specific combinations, that prevent serious problems like cancer, Alzheimer's, and heart disease by neutralizing free radicals. Free radicals are harmful molecules that form bonds that can basically destroy cells, mess up our systems, and lead to illness. Popular antioxidants are Vitamins A, C and E, and selenium, found in abundance in fruits and vegetables—and now, they've discovered, coffee.

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By Eric S. Caruncho

Rehab at the tip of a needle

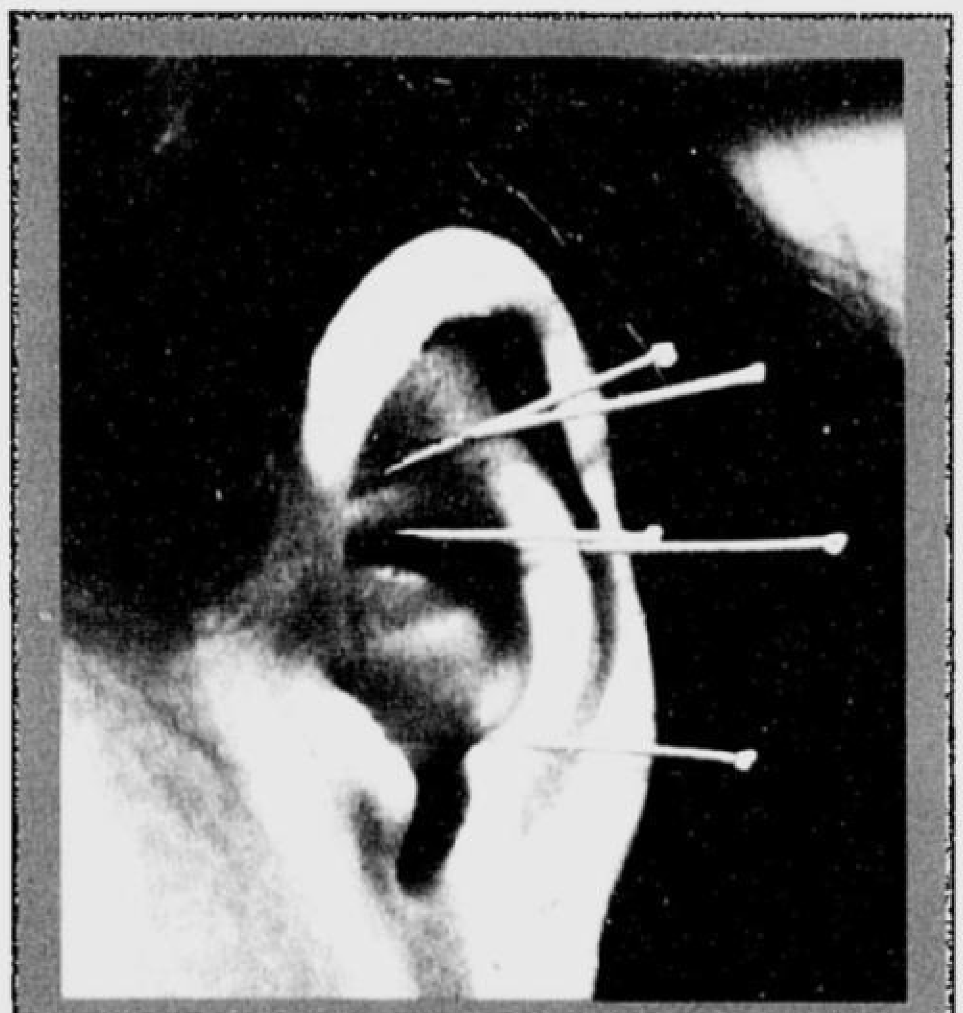
There's growing evidence that acupuncture might be one answer to drug addiction

IT TAKES a needle to beat the needle.

A conundrum? Not if we are to believe the growing number of case studies. It sounds suspiciously like "hair of the dog," but there is growing evidence that acupuncture, the ancient Chinese healing art involving the insertion of needles into specific points in the body, might be one answer to drug addiction.

The use of acupuncture to treat drug addiction recently gained a lot of publicity when it was reported that übermodel Kate Moss, in rehab after pictures of her snorting cocaine were splashed in the tabloids, was being treated with acupuncture for her drug problem. More specifically, Moss was following a treatment protocol involving auricular, or ear acupuncture.

It sounds cutting edge; but actually, Filipino acupuncturists have been doing the same thing for some time now. There are five points in the human ear which, when properly stimulated with acupuncture needles, alleviate withdrawal symptoms and soothe the drug-addled brain, says Janet Paredes, an acupuncturist and family counselor who works with Integrative Medicine for Alternative Health Care Systems, Philippines Inc. (INAM). Formerly known as the Acupuncture Therapeutic and Research Center, INAM is a non-government organization that promotes wholistic health in the country, particularly among impoverished communities that have little access to expensive medical treatment.



Ear acupuncture is said to soothe the drug-addled brain.

According to traditional Chinese medicine, *chi* or life energy flows throughout the body through a system of meridians or channels. Disease results from imbalances or blockages in the flow of *chi*, and acupuncture seeks to restore the balance by stimulating points along the meridians with needles. The art lies in diagnosing the illness by examining the pulses, the tongue and the face of the patient, and determining which points in the body need to be stimulated. The needles are inserted at the appropriate points, a procedure which is usually painless or only slightly uncomfortable, then twirled around until the *chi* is "obtained," usually felt by the patient as a sensation of heaviness or a mild electric current. The needles are left in for the duration of the session, lasting for 45 minutes or longer, depending on the case.

"Stimulating two of the main points in the ear results in relaxation, pain relief and calmness, which helps alleviate withdrawal symptoms," says Paredes. "The other three points promote detoxification. Acupuncture curbs the pleasure-seeking faculty of the brain, so it helps reduce the craving for drugs."

Typically, she shares, drug dependents, when first brought in, are unwilling or unable to cooperate with their rehabilitation, either because of withdrawal pains or the psychological effects of drug use, or both. After about ten twice-weekly acupuncture sessions, however, they are more receptive to counseling, better able to focus and more clear-headed.

Paredes says INAM is currently implementing a community-based recovery program in an urban poor community in Manila, where as much as 59 percent of the population are exposed to drugs, typically *shabu* (metamphetamine hydrochloride) or rugby, and where patients come as young as seven years old. She believes that the community-based approach might be the only answer to the country's growing drug problem, since government-run rehab centers are typically overcrowded and undermanned, while private rehab clinics are beyond the reach of all but the wealthiest of drug dependents.

Paredes first got hooked on acupuncture when, as a pre-med student at the University of the East, she witnessed a 14-year-old boy, paralyzed from the waist down after a fall from a carabao, walk again after a course of acupuncture administered over three months. So impressed was Paredes that she decided to focus on acupuncture instead of going on to med proper. She took a six-month course at the newly established Acupuncture and Therapeutic Research Center, which then had an exchange program with various Chinese institutions such as the Nanjing Traditional Chinese Medicine University, and the Beijing College of Orthopedics and Acupuncture.

After joining the center and becoming one of its trainors, Paredes also took a postgraduate course in counseling at the Ateneo's Center for Family Ministry. During her apprenticeship as a counselor, she was exposed to the world of the drug dependent, and it was inevitable that she would try to combine the two disciplines. In 2003, she learned from an American consultant about the Lincoln Recovery Center in New York City's South Bronx, an outpatient clinic for heroine and cocaine addicts, which has been successfully using ear acupuncture to treat drug dependents for several years now. Within months, Paredes was in New York, training in the Lincoln Center.

The use of acupuncture to treat addiction was discovered serendipitously when a visiting acupuncturist from Hong Kong, who was using it to relieve post-operative pain, discovered that it also relieved drug withdrawal symptoms. After a series of trials,

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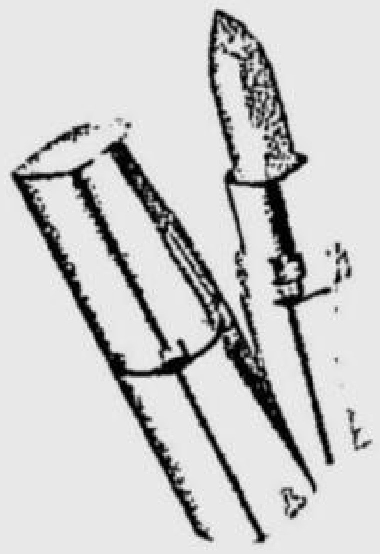
Lip Tips from Maybelline New York:

WITH mercury rising fast, keeping your fresh healthy glow from melting into a sweaty puddle can take a lot of effort. So, instead of fighting it opt for a natural look and focus attention on that yummy portion of your body that does not have a sweat gland—your lips. Maybelline make-up artist Barbi Chan shares her top lip tips on how to keep your lips looking luscious and rosy all summer long.



- For precise application, use a lip brush. Dab a little color from your lipstick and glide on your lips.
- Before applying lipstick, exfoliate your lips to create a smooth surface for the color to glide on. Rub your lips gently with a clean, damp washcloth.
- When purchasing lipstick, try it on counter. Everyone's natural lip color has an effect on the final color of lipsticks;the same shade won't look the same on everyone.
- To achieve the color lipsticks have from the tube, apply a small amount of foundation to your lips.
- For a full, pouty look, try adding an extra dab of lipstick in the middle of the bottom lip. This would also work with lip gloss. A dab of lip gloss in the same area would make your lips fuller, more pouty.

If you find your lips too full and you want to play them down, resist the urge to use shiny lipsticks or even lipgloss.

Chan at work

- For a natural look, do not outline your lips.
- . Whether you are working with a pencil or a lipstick, start in the center of the lips and work the color out to edges for better color smoothing.
- For a quick change from light day makeup to more dramatic night makeup, add another coat of stronger lip color over sheer lipstick.
- Do not be afraid to mix shades! Makeup artists do it all the time. Layering colors and textures is an effective and fun way to see what works for you and what doesn't.
- A coat of lip gloss over regular matte lipstick can change your whole look. Try it out for additional mesmerizing shine.

Bike, take a hike, get out there (and stay healthy)

AFTER nine months of hitching a ride in our mother's womb, we're finally expelled out for a good reason: we can't stay inside forever.

And that's why, barring that incident when Mom kicked me out of the house for breaking her favorite denture-soaking glass, I've always grabbed every chance to flee home and office.

These days I spend weekends biking, pedaling for at least 59 km and running the last 10 km. On major bike tours, I can cover 160 km on my wheels within a day. As a member of the office mountaineering club, I've climbed almost every mountain in Luzon and, weather permitting, plumbed the depths so to speak, in my snorkel gear. With my Significant Other, I'd take every chance I could to walk to the Makati CBD malls and back to the office—a good eight km—for a light cardio workout at night.

Feels like flying, says author

So why outdoors and not in some airconditioned gym where I could perhaps watch my favorite TV show while building up my six-pack? I have six reasons, each one enough to spike up my adrenaline:

1. It's fun. Outdoors are never boring; there's always a surprise or two that pops up, snarling dogs included. Not to mention people who come in all shapes, sizes, demeanor and strange tics. There's always something new at the bend of the road. I have been cycling since 1981, and yet there are still so many cycling routes out there that I haven't tried, an exciting prospect that keeps me and my bike a steady couple. As WebMD.com confirms: the outdoors not only "motivate you to exercise, but help you enjoy it more."

2. Time flies when you're having fun. You don't notice how many kms you've logged and eventually, how many pounds you've lost.

3. Working out in the great outdoors makes me appreciate nature and the environment. Biking in Metro Manila has made me realize how far we city dwellers have gone in terms of polluting our beloved city. The realization has made me an eager participant in anti-pollution drives and environmental awareness campaigns that, in turn, gives me more chances to be outdoors. It's a perfect circle, one that won't end until I see clear morning skies over Manila from atop my favorite cycling station in Antipolo.

4. Swimming the depths is as close to flying as I can get. Nothing beats the feeling of diving 15 or 20 feet and swimming among fishes in a coral reef. I could do this for hours on end, or until

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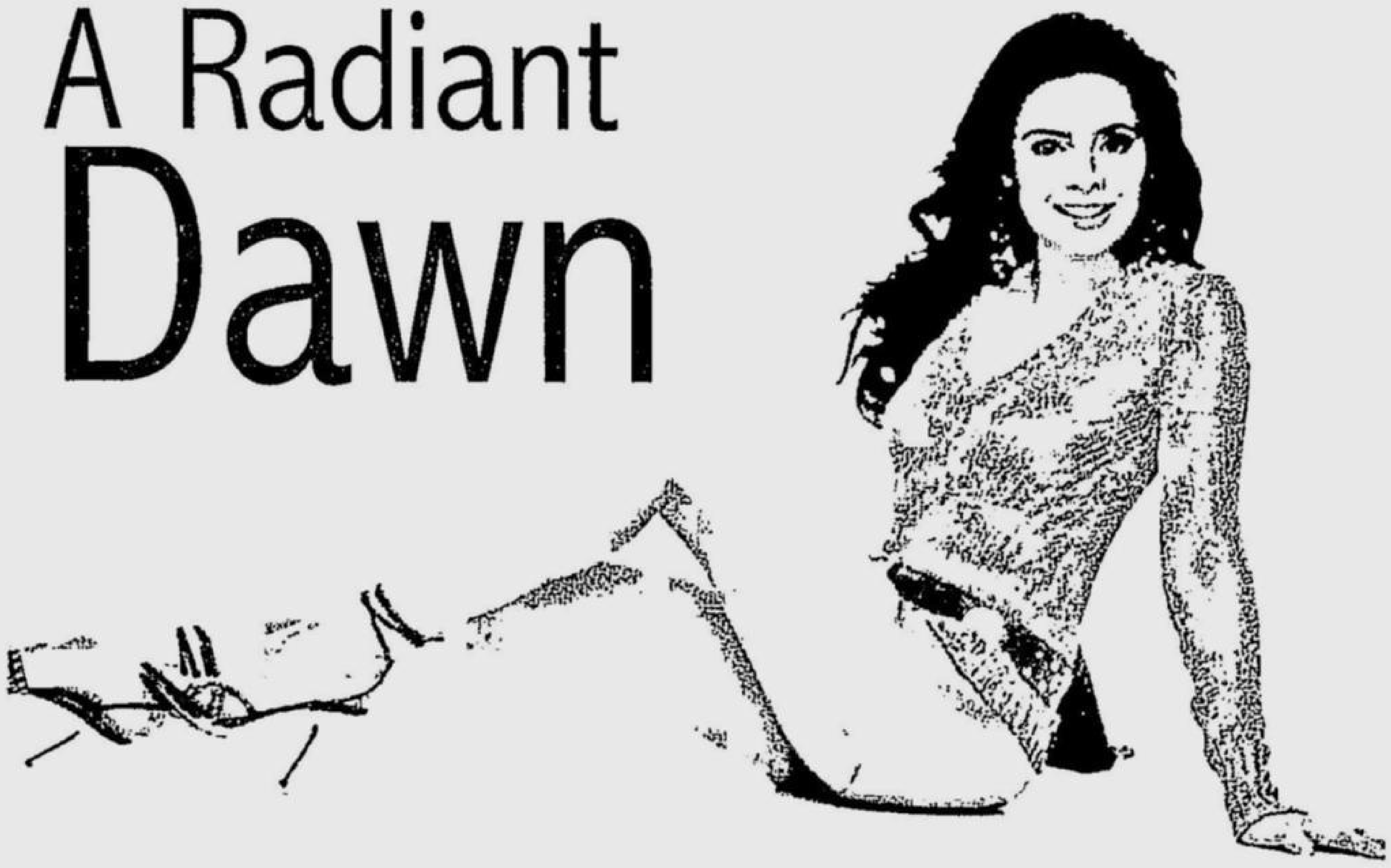
A Radiant Dawn



Dawn Zulueta seems to have it all--family life, a career, a svelte figure and stunning good looks. Can one really have a perfect life?

DAWN Zulueta has lived the kind of life most women can only fantasize about—the kind you read about in paperback romances.

She started modeling at 14, then made the jump to show business where she soon became the country's premier romantic lead in a string of now-classic films such as "Hihintayin Kita sa Langit" and "Saan Ka Man Naroroon" in the early '90s.

Ten years ago, after winning more than her share of acting awards, she announced her semi-retirement from the movies when she married Anton Lagdameo, a scion of one of the country's wealthiest families. She bore a son, Jacobo, and settled into what appeared to be a life of pampered domesticity.

But even in semi-retirement at the family hacienda in Davao, however, Dawn's life was anything but humdrum. *Au contraire*, she remained very much in the media eye, which tended to blow up her adventures to epic proportions. Her every move—from shedding a heroic 20 pounds postpartum to her supposed catfight with fellow actress-turned-socialite Gretchen Barretto—was duly reported on by the entertainment press.

Today, she remains the epitome of the woman who has it all: a successful career, a fulfilling family life and, at 38, a svelte figure and stunning good looks that make her the envy of women half her age, and one of the most sought-after product endorsers in the land.

Only recently, Dawn launched another chapter in her life as she campaigned for her husband, who sought a congressional seat in Davao del Norte. As in all her previous work, she seems to flow easily into her new role as a politician's wife.

The votes were still being counted when **SIM** managed to interview Dawn, via e-mail, about her storied life thus far:

SIM: You ve become a role model for women who want to have it all. How do you do it? How do you balance family, work, beauty?

Dawn: I've always been a stickler for routine, even when I was young. When I got married, this trait served me well, taking me to another level, where having a family has given me the drive to continue growing and staying productive. I strive to protect and nurture the people close to me, and they are the inspiration for all my endeavors. To balance all these, time management is key.

SIM: What s your fitness regimen?
Dawn: I'm well aware of how my body might begin to show signs of the years. I'm able to stay active because I'm hardly ever idle; my day is filled with lots of chores and errands. Whenever I'm in Davao (where we don't have Marie France yet) and I have time, I enjoy sports like badminton, boxing and swimming. I also jog and do pilates to help maintain the weight and inch loss derived from Marie France's treatments. When I'm in Manila, I go for treatments at least thrice a week.

SIM: What about diet?

Dawn: I can eat anything I want—but I do watch the portions. I fill up at breakfast with oatmeal, fresh berries, soy milk and on occasion a bit of bread. For lunch I might have noodle soup or rice with a main meal but I follow it up with lots of fresh foods like fruit and salad. I also try to keep to a minimum my sugar, salt and red meat intake. By mid-afternoon (depending on what time I plan to be in bed), I avoid carbo-rich foods like bread, pasta and crackers. I snack on fresh fruit and soy milk. By evening, my dinner is usually made up of fresh greens, tofu and any grilled seafood. I've learned from Marie France's nutritionists that watching what you eat eight hours before going to bed can really help maintain your weight and inch loss. And carbohydrates and sweets are the usual culprits to the bloated tummy you often notice the following morning.

SIM: What kind of beauty regimen do you follow?

Dawn: I believe that keeping the beauty regimen to a minimum allows for a more natural and healthy appearance. So most of my "rituals" are more preventive measures. For instance (and many find this amusing), I have trained myself to rarely sleep sideways to avoid deepening the folds and straining the skin on my cheeks. The way to do it is by never burying your face into a pillow; just gently rest your head, turned to the side.

I apply make up with a soft brush or my pinky and/or ring finger. It's important to never rub to hard, especially around the eyes where skin is thinnest. I also have monthly facials as well as face and neck laser toning. My derma also gave me a cosmetic and fragrance skin patch test that's made all the difference in the kind of products I apply on my skin, as well as saved me money because I don't buy what I can't use. I always sample a product on a small area in my skin before buying the complete line. And this goes for my facial wash up to my cosmetics. Also, no matter

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SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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The Road to Recovery (from page 7)

Concepcion

National Institute of Health in the University of Maryland has come out with a statement in support of acupuncture for patients undergoing chemotherapy," he shares, adding that his patients get better with the needles, "with less vomiting, less nausea, better appetite, better stamina."

In China, he adds, acupuncture is also used in patients undergoing coronary bypass and brain surgery. It was not uncommon to hear of thyroidectomies being performed with acupuncture, even before the advent of anesthesia, he notes. But the biggest difference between Eastern medicine and Western medicine, Concepcion says, is that Chinese medicine focuses on the quality of life. "It believes that if you have good *wei chi*, your protective energy is good. You can ward off diseases, energy is flowing well, and blood is abundant."

The indications of a good *wei chi* can be as basic as remembering your dreams when you wake up. Concepcion explains: "We all dream, but if we complete our cycle of sleep, we don't remember our dreams. And that's validated by Western science." The quality of one's stool also counts. "Does it come out in chunks? Do you have any undigested food in your stool? If you have any undigested food in your stool, that means you're not chewing your food well or digesting it well, or you're not eating the right kind of food—or all of the above. It means your digestive system is out of whack."

Such indicators, the doctor says, "are quite consistent with the Eastern philosophy that the body is a reflection of the universe, and parts of your body are a reflection of the rest of your body, *ad infinitum*." That's why there are pressure points in the foot, the ear, even in the vagina, corresponding to different organs in the body. Even the tongue can be an indicator of whether your body, or a part of it, is in its prime state or not.

Eastern medicine, stresses Concepcion, is all about interconnectedness, the essential truth that all beings and the environment are fundamentally related. "Everything mirrors the outer," he explains. "And they're all interconnected to the cosmos."•

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Poison or wonder food? (from page 8)

Deemed healthy

those at high risk of—or who have—cardiovascular disease. We recommend eating fish (particularly fatty fish) at least two times a week." For Pinoys, if the salmon is a bit steep, grab a tuna sandwich or bottled sardines (choose those bottled in olive oil when possible). Pour over a decent serving of steaming white rice. Enjoy.

The soy puzzle. For vegans who won't touch animal products and people afraid of what goes into processed milk, soy milk and products were the ultimate health food alternative, and considered good for the heart, as well.

But hold on a minute. "Soy's health benefits may have been overestimated, says the Nutrition Committee of the American Heart Association (AHA)," reports The Guardian UK. Although it's still better than animal protein, "recent clinical trials by the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University in Boston failed to confirm that soy protein improves cardiovascular health, lowers blood pressure or raises high-density lipoprotein, or 'good' cholesterol levels." Here's worse: some studies have determined that soya contains toxins and plant estrogens that can disrupt women's menstrual cycles, leading many to fear that such side effects may also step up risks for breast cancer.

Such fears have not been confirmed, however, and the AHA announced in 2006 that, while soya was a good substitute for food high in animal protein, thus possibly preventing heart disease by omission, it was not in itself a "heart-healthy food" or a cure for anything. So, eat or drink it as a respite from animal products, or if you like the taste—but apparently, the jury is still out on its more dramatic benefits. •

By Arianne Faith Perez
Women's Feature Service

Is the 'graveyard shift' just that for call center workers?

IT may be the latest sunrise industry in the country with some 45,000 to 60,000 job openings created this year, but call centers offer more than just a hefty pay check to its mostly women workforce. Women working the graveyard shift to coincide with the day hours of people halfway across the globe may also be putting their health on the line and increasing their risks of breast cancer, warns several studies on women's health.

According to researchers from the Bassett Research Institute in Cooperstown, N.Y. led by David Blask, disrupting one's usual sleep patterns interrupts the nocturnal production of the hormone melatonin. Melatonin, the researchers add, is responsible for slowing down the growth of breast cancer.

Similar studies started in 1987 when epidemiologist Walter Willet and colleagues headed by Eva S. Schernhammer at the Harvard Medical School began a study on women's health centered on diet, activity and other factors. Their hypothesis: women working on night shifts are more susceptible to breast cancer or tumors.

According to studies, melatonin slows down the growth of breast tumors at night. The production of melatonin in the pineal gland is triggered by the optic nerves upon sensing darkness. If a bright light bombards a person's eyes at night, as what happens when one works late hours, the production of melatonin is interrupted.

Although some other factors like age and obesity also affect the production of melatonin, it has been scientifically observed that breast cancers are rampant in industrializing countries. Females on night-shift jobs may have a 50 percent greater risk of developing breast cancer, the studies suggest. On the other hand, women who consistently sleep more than nine hours a night lower their risk.

With more than 8,000 breast cancer patients reported each year, the country has the highest incidence of cancer in Asia.

"Breast cancer is the leading cause of death among women in the Philippines."

Comparative studies between 1983 and 2002 also indicate that reported cases of breast cancer are increasing. This, and the latest melatonin studies, have worried call center representatives, but most of them would rather keep their jobs now rather than bother about a future ailment.

Says Lysa Rosano, 24: "My high salary here is more than enough inspiration to continue my job despite that info," says this call center representative. "It's also a matter of genes. If you're destined to have cancer, you're going to get it."

Connie Dumdum admits she is alarmed by the research. "I know I'm at risk because my sleeping hours are reversed, but maybe I'll compensate with a healthier diet."

Jen, 26, says she'll take better care of her body and will observe it closely before any ailment takes hold. "I know it's not very healthy to keep abnormal hours. My body is not getting the amount of rest it needs. But it's not easy to find another job."

Call center agent Jinky, 26, shrugs off the studies. "Those are just probabilities," she says. "I actually prefer working at night and I like what I'm doing. I've just given birth and so far I haven't felt anything wrong."

A call center supervisor prefers to ignore the studies. "I don't want to work at night thinking I'm going to be sick. I'll just get enough sleep during the day. For as long as I don't feel anything bad and unusual, I don't want to be bothered."

Some women's groups have called for proper medical attention and regular check ups for those exposed to these hazards. Safe working conditions are guaranteed under the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), according to these groups. Also known as the International Women's Bill of Rights and ratified by the Philippines in 1981, CEDAW, in Article 11, guarantees women the right to equal access to jobs, benefits, promotions and training, pay equity based on the work they do, and the right to health, protection and safety in their workplace.

It might take more studies for women workers to pay closer attention to the health risks associated with abnormal working hours. "Health is wealth" does not sound quite as reassuring as their regular paycheck. At least for now. •

Top 10 leading causes of death among Filipinos

1) heart attack
2) hypertension
3) cancer
4) pneumonia
5) pulmonary disease
6) respiratory disease
7) accidents
8) tuberculosis
9) diabetes
10) kidney disease

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Bike, take a hike... (from page 10)

seaweeds and kelp start growing on my skin. I have swum in the crystal clear Barracuda Lake in Coron, Palawan where I could see the lake bottom a hundred feet below. The sensation of flying comes to mind. It's as close to being Superman as I can get, but at the same time my palms sweat when I recall the experience. I suddenly develop a mild fear of heights. And I realize that yes, the outdoors can be scary. I am exposed to the elements, making me vulnerable to sharks and sea snakes when I'm snorkeling, mechanical breakdowns and crashes when I'm biking, and nasty mongrels and muggers when I'm running or walking. But then again, I could just as suddenly suffer a heart attack just walking on a treadmill, right?

5. Outdoor activities make me feel young though 36 isn't that old. True, we reach our physical peak somewhere between 18 and 25, but age hasn't taken away from me my desire to bike, hike, and take a dip outdoors. I know that time will come when even negotiating the stairs might seem like climbing Mount Everest, but by then I'd have enough pictures to prove to my grandsons that well, I've "been there, done that."

6. *"Carpe Diem"* never felt so good. Seize the day! Walk, trek, swim, dive, enjoy the outdoors while this planet still has some clean air and clear waters to offer. The first thing I did after watching Al Gore's eye-opening docu "An Inconvenient Truth" was ride my bike and scream "Noooo!" at the sky. Nah, the screaming part was made up. But I did bike to contemplate what I had just learned. I realized, for example, that someone has to invent a bike that rides on water, because pretty soon this is all that will be left of the Earth.

Seriously, though, when tropical storms get fiercer, when global warming does us in, exercising outdoors may not even be an option by then. Instead of pumping iron, we could all be pumping water out of our homes to survive. So why not now, when we can still do it? • **Aries Espinosa**

Rehab at the tip of a needle (from page 9)

doctors developed the so-called NADA protocol (after the US-based National Acupuncture Detoxification Association) which uses acupuncture in combination with more traditional drug rehab programs such as counseling and support groups. Since the same five points in the ear are used, non-professionals can easily be trained to perform the treatment.

Paredes says the results can be dramatic. "In July last year, we started treating a group of children as young as nine years old, who had been using rugby (solvent) or *shabu*, many of whom had also been sexually abused," she relates. At the outset, most of them were either uncooperative, in a daze, or downright hostile. But after as few as five acupuncture sessions, she adds, they had calmed down considerably, were more receptive to counseling, and were able to focus on their school work.

Even more dramatic was the physical evidence of acupuncture at work. After about ten sessions, she says, most of the children started sweating heavily, their perspiration giving off a tell-tale chemical odor. In some cases, their skin broke out in rashes or boils. But after several more sessions, their skin began to clear, which Paredes believes is a sign that their systems had successfully detoxified.

Acupuncture first became popular in the Philippines in the 1970s, after former US President Richard Nixon's China visit sparked a new openness to all things Chinese. The Philippine government sent the late Dr. Benjamin Aquino to China to study acupuncture, and interest in the art has grown steadily since then. Today, although orthodox Western medicine remains cautious about it, it is one of the most widely accepted among the "alternative" health systems, and numerous acupuncture clinics have emerged in recent years.

Paredes believes, however, that a lot more of acupuncture's potential remains to be tapped. Apart from treating drug addiction, for instance, she says it could also be helpful in treating alcoholism, alleviating the effects of chemotherapy, and even treating psychiatric problems such as depression.

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PAREDES: "Results can be dramatic."

August dela Cruz

A Radiant Dawn (from page 11)

how tired I am, I never skip cleaning and washing.

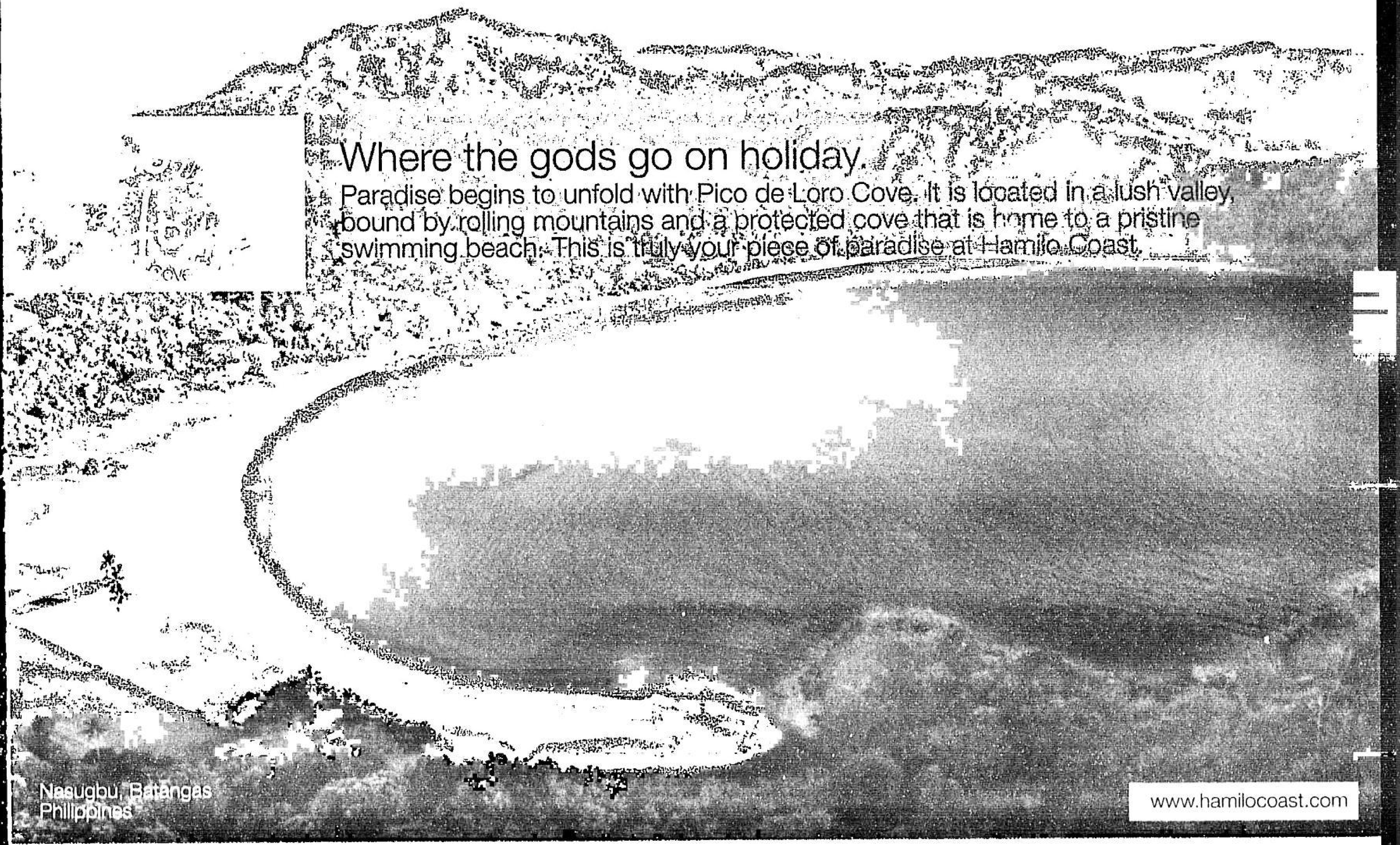
SIM: There seems to be a lot of pressure on women these days to stay young and beautiful by spending a lot of time and money on exercise programs, slimming aids, cosmetics and cosmetic surgery. Do you think the cult of youth and beauty is healthy? Where should a woman draw the line between healthy and unhealthy obsession with youth and beauty?

Dawn: The culprit may really be an unhealthy self-image and self-esteem, as a result of the benchmark of youth and beauty presented in the various forms of media. I know of so many young women who want to alter something in their appearance—how I wish they had more mature and nurturing advisers. Of course it's not easy when one is in the beauty trade, like in show business. It really is a thin line between the healthy and unhealthy, and this makes it more difficult to maintain a realistic outlook. Having said that, there are indeed enhancements that can help improve one's self-confidence. However, I also hasten to add that this is not the only answer to the lack of it.

I do not know if I will ever turn to cosmetic surgery for now, but the thought could present itself in my later years. For me, a woman who ages gracefully is one who lives her life to the fullest, doing good to others and contributing to society all her God-given talents.

SIM: What was the experience of Philippine politics like for you? What did you learn while on a political campaign?

Dawn: I've always thought of myself as being a tad too idealistic. And that's why I could never see myself dabbling in politics. Until the recent campaign, I wanted to believe that it wasn't really all that bad. This positive view was shattered, however, when I observed how cruel the games could be in the political arena. And it is no small wonder to me now why, sadly, bloodshed almost always goes hand in hand with politics. But when you discover the gems (they are few but the tribe seems to be increasing now), and you see how earnestly they fight for the people's rights—the love for the homeland does spring out of you. If only we could all move forward and work for the common good despite our differences of opinion. The most important thing I've learned—and deeply this time around—is that change can only first begin through each and every one of us. • **Eric S. Caruncho**



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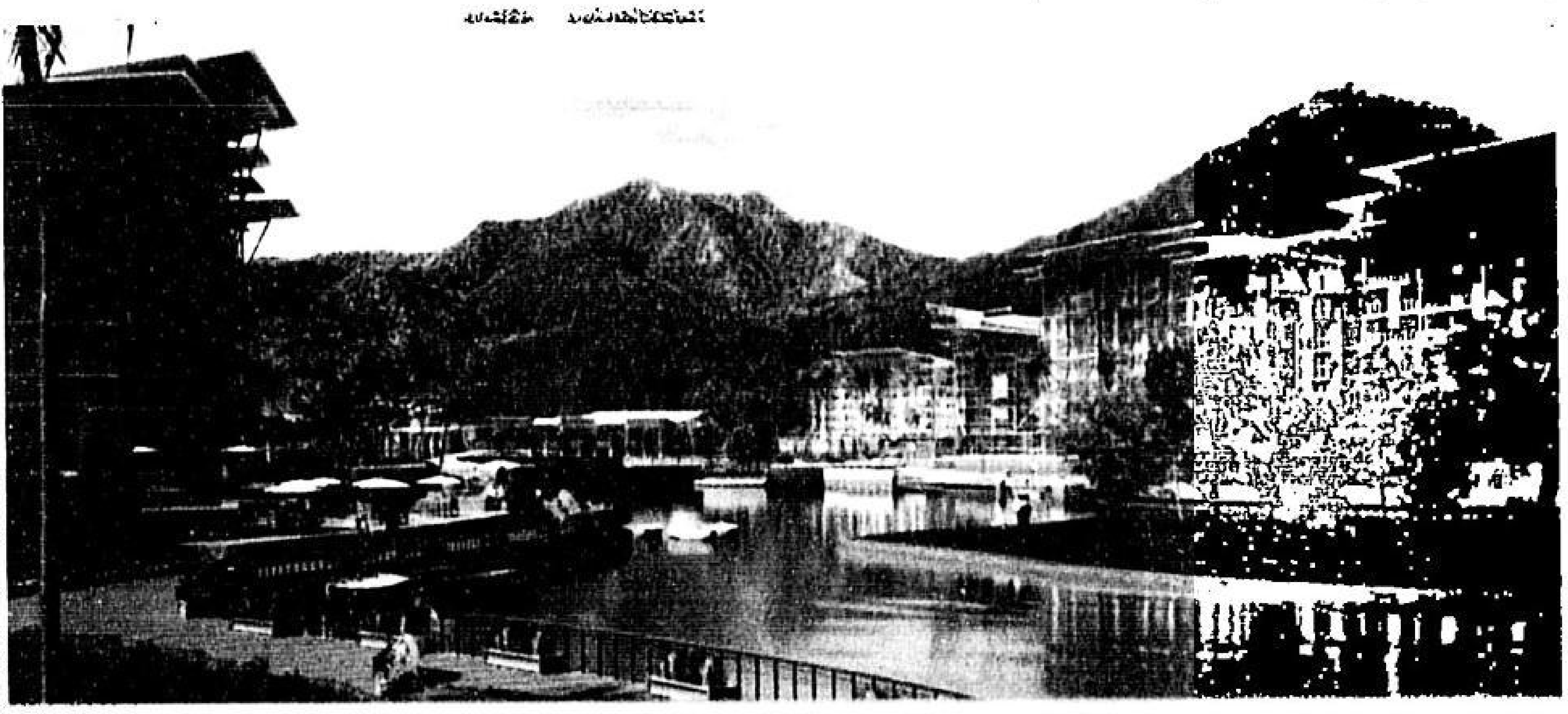

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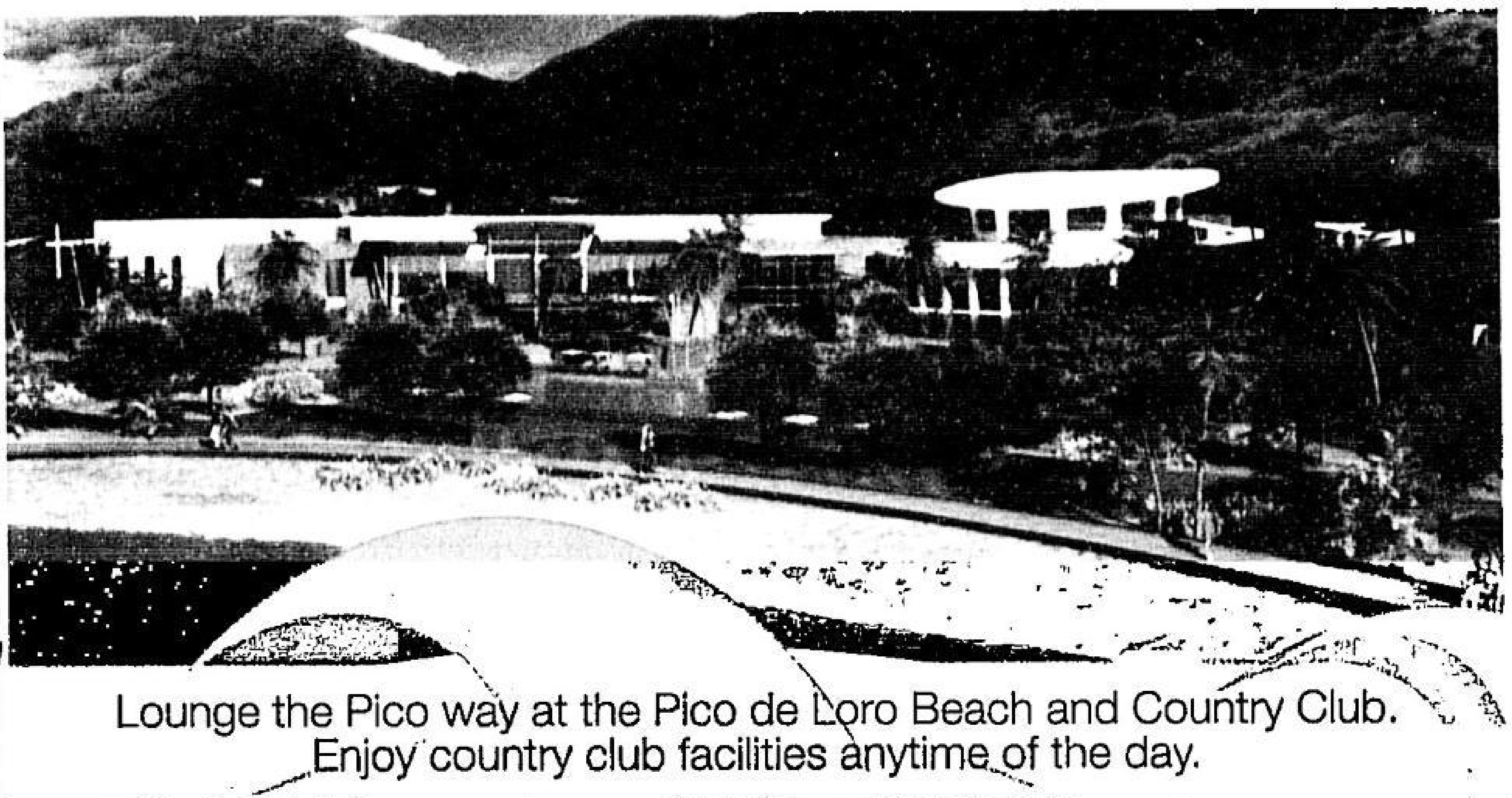

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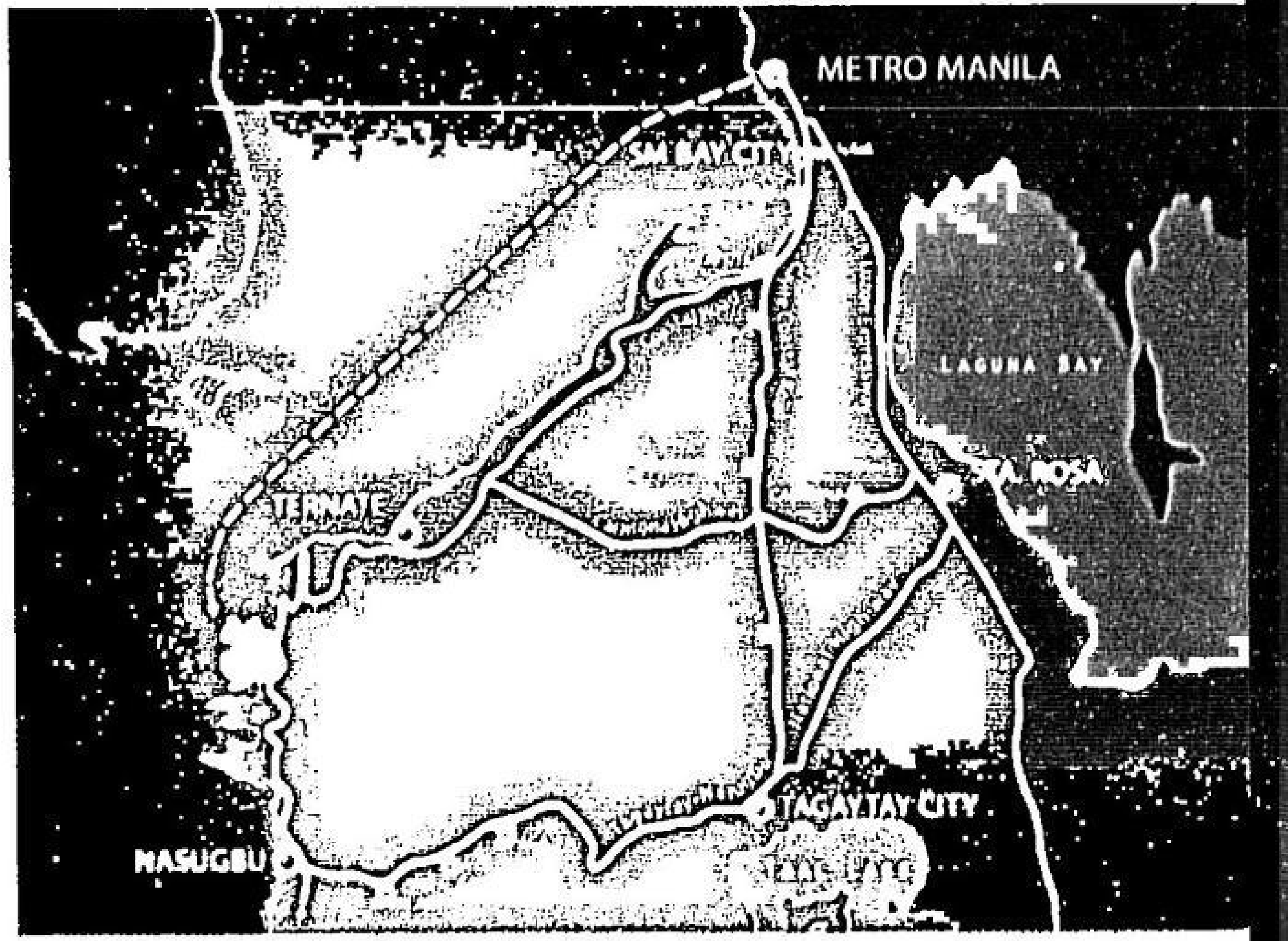

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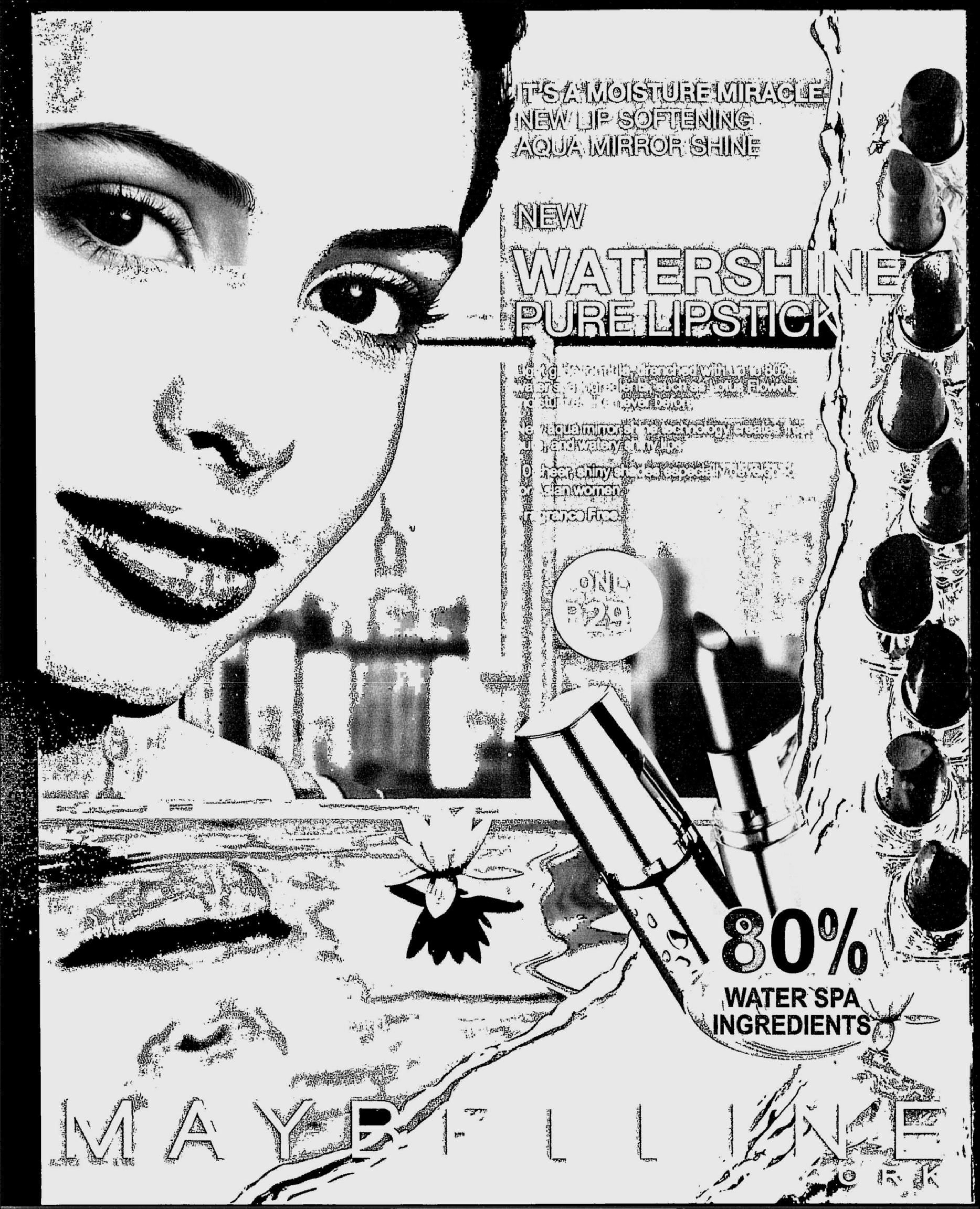
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